



## Gary M. Hoctel

May 13, 1953 - October 21, 2020

Gary Michael Hoctel - Bronson, FL - Born May 13, 1953 - A man full of life and passion, loved by many, and a jack of many trades. Gary Michael Hoctel died on October 21, 2020. Gary, originally from Dayton, Ohio, was married to Cynthia Hoctel. They met in his hometown in a bar over a popcorn fight that turned into 33 great years of love, laughter, adventures, an unlimited amount of great memories. She was his soulmate and he loved her unconditionally. Cindy was by his side as he peacefully passed at home.

Gary “acquired” two children Michele Ricketts and Scott Ricketts (Shell & Skid). Whom he never ceased to push to do their best, gave advice (wanted or not) and he loved them like his own as they did him. Gary has a son Christopher Hoctel, whom he loved with all his heart and soul.

His grandchildren, Nicholas, Jacob, and Haley were little blessings to him. Fishing with “Gramps” was their favorite thing to do and he loved and adored them.

He also had two great grandsons, Nicky and Benny, whom will have to learn all of “Gramps” stories some day when they grow up, but were very loved by him.

Gary seemed as though there was nothing he couldn't do, but first and

foremost he was a great horseman. He loved to raise, show and trade horses his whole life. He was a master at tool and die, a successful broker and realtor, and then in last years of his life, fishing became his ultimate passion. He bought a boat and became Captain of the "Poon for Brains", named so for chasing the elusive tarpon!

Ultimately, his biggest accomplishments were being a husband to a wife he loved dearly, loving his three kids, being a great friend, "telling is like it is", and of course the love, adoration, and spoiling of his dogs Freckles, Cassie, Tess, Blue, and Red... just to name a few.

Gary will be forever loved, missed, never forgotten, and remembered for his great smile that he had until the very end. He will forever hold a special place in our hearts.

Gary was proceeded (in death) by his parents John C Hoctel and Patricia L. Hoctel whom he loved.

A celebration of life service will be held for Gary at 2:00 PM Saturday, November 14, 2020 at the Rick Gooding Funeral Home Chiefland Chapel, with Otis G. Evans officiating. The family requests friends who attend to follow CDC guidelines; ask that you please don't attend if you are sick, and try to social distance.

Arrangements have been placed under the care of the Rick Gooding Funeral Home Chiefland Chapel, with locations in Cross City 352-498-5400 and Chiefland 352-493-0050. Please sign the online guest book at [rickgoodingfuneralhomes.com](http://rickgoodingfuneralhomes.com)

# Previous Events

## Service

NOV **14**. 2:00 PM (ET)

Rick Gooding Funeral Home Chiefland  
1301 N Young Blvd  
Chiefland, FL 32626  
(352) 493-0050  
<https://www.RickGoodingFuneralHomes.com>

# Tribute Wall



“ Rick Gooding Funeral Homes created a Webcast in memory of Gary M. Hoctel



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**Rick Gooding Funeral Homes** - November 16, 2020 at 08:35 AM



“ Gary M. Hoctel

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October 08, 2023 at 10:03 PM



“ Gary M. Hoctel

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January 30, 2023 at 01:26 AM



“ Rose Tribute was purchased for the family of Gary M. Hoctel.



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November 08, 2020 at 09:53 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Gary M. Hoctel.*



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November 03, 2020 at 06:52 PM



“ *I remember one time I was visiting my dear sweet brother in law and he took me fishing and I hooked on to something big I worked what seemed like hours to bring that sucker in but finally my arms got tired and I handed it over to Gary and oh we were excited waiting to see what it was but it was almost too the boat and snap the line broke and we never got to see what it was but oh what fun and excitement it was you will always hold a special place in my heart and be sadly missed*

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**Cathie thomas** - October 29, 2020 at 04:48 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Gary M. Hoctel.*



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October 29, 2020 at 03:29 PM