



## Herbert Harper Raker Jr.

September 22, 1958 - August 4, 2017

HERBERT HARPER RAKER, JR. "HERBIE", of Cross City, Florida, passed away at the age of 58 at North Florida Regional Hospital Friday, August 4, 2017.

Herbie was a member of Lydia Baptist Church where he served as Deacon, Sunday School Teacher and Recreations Director for Awanas. He loved Jesus and was a faithful servant, never missing a day spending time in God's Word.

Herbie graduated from Dixie County High School in 1976. He was very active in sports, playing football and basketball, and was president of his senior class. After graduating, he attended the University of Florida. He became the owner and operator of Raker Land Surveying in 2000, taking over the family business for his father who started the business in 1979. Herbie was known for always treating everyone with honesty and integrity. He enjoyed hunting, spearfishing, boating, Dixie County Bear and Florida Gator football and playing basketball but above all he loved his family and church family.

He is survived by his wife of 30 years, Suzanne Miller Raker; son, Dillon Tyler Raker and daughter, Alexandria Breanne Raker; and sisters, Penny Robson, Dianne Koschatzky and Judy Hatcher.

A Celebration of Life Service will be held at Lydia Baptist Church in Cross City

on Sunday, August 6, 2017 at 3:00pm with Rev. Jarrett Thomas officiating.

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

# Previous Events

## Service

AUG 6. 3:00 PM (ET)

Lydia Baptist Church  
PO Box 610  
Cross City, FL 32628

# Tribute Wall



“ *Herbert Harper Raker Jr.*

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October 08, 2023 at 10:03 PM



“ *Herbert Harper Raker Jr.*

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January 30, 2023 at 01:26 AM

BC

“ Herbie Jr surveyed our property when we bought our place 2010 Steinhatchee Fl. Herbie Sr. Surveyed same property years prior. The monuments placed in the ground will always serve as wonderful memories for us, of these two fine men. We have never met such a genuine trustworthy person in our life as Herbie Raker. We love this fine man and will always have a warm place in our heart for him and his family. We also had the pleasure of meeting Herbie's son Dillon and Herbie's sister Judy Hatcher, who always treated us with kindness and utmost respect as Herbie did. For the family we have met and those we haven't. Please know we share your loss and sadness. We pray each of you will find comfort to ease your pain knowing that we care, as so many others do.

We just learned today 8/18 of Herbie's passing, needless to say extremely shocked.

Please know we are so sorry for your loss. Herbie will be greatly missed here on earth but will remain in our hearts forever. We lost a great friend.

May God be with each of you during this sad time and always.

Love and Hugs..

Skip and Bo Chandler

Steinhatchee Fl/Marietta Ga

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**Bonita Chandler** - August 18, 2017 at 04:40 PM

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Wishing sympathy for the family .Especially Suzanne.  
Rita Miller Young

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**Rita Miller Young** - October 02, 2017 at 01:59 PM

BC

“ I have know Herbie since he was born! His family were very dear friends. My family attended Lydia Baptist Church fo many years. I talked with him a couple of times in the last couple of years. Very sweet and mannerly! He was always a sweet memory and one of God's children and certainly showed his love for everyone! Prays for family! I love yall! Betty allen curvin and Frankie Allen!

betty curvin - August 05, 2017 at 11:11 AM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Herbert Harper Raker Jr..



August 05, 2017 at 10:57 AM

BM

“ Herbie was a good friend and a fine surveyor. He will be greatly missed. Rest In Peace, my friend.

B. C. (Bunk) and Barbara McCray - August 05, 2017 at 06:43 AM

ET

“ Edna Tillis sent a virtual gift in memory of Herbert Harper Raker Jr.



Edna Tillis - August 05, 2017 at 12:51 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Herbert Harper Raker Jr..*



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August 04, 2017 at 11:21 PM



“ *Such a sad day. Herbie is loved by so many people and is such a great example of a "child of God". Although our Heavenly Father has chosen to take Herbie home, we will miss his presence so much. Prayers for the family during the next tough days ahead. Love to you Herbie*

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**Gina Mills** - August 04, 2017 at 09:06 PM



“ *My heartfelt condolences sent to Herbie's sweet wife, children and family...RIP Herbie until we meet again.*



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**Elizaneth Sang Cranford** - August 04, 2017 at 08:54 PM



“ *Ann Ballard lit a candle in memory of Herbert Harper Raker Jr.*



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**Ann Ballard** - August 04, 2017 at 05:58 PM

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“ *Herbie and Suzanne and their children are a blessing to our county.He was a wonderful friend , honest business owner and an example of a good Man. Love and prayers for the entire family as they go through this time.*

*Lynette Allen*

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**Lynette Allen** - August 04, 2017 at 04:29 PM



“ *Herbie was a very special man.....I don't know many you could describe as righteous...not self righteous but righteous as in doing what is right according to Gods word. Herbie is one you could use that word to describe. Humble was another. He always had kind and encouraging words for everyone. Our community has lost a rare man...a void has been left in many lives. What a comfort to know that he is with the Jesus he loved and served so we'll. My love and prayers to his wife children sisters neices and nephews. I love you all. Beth Sheppard Lambert*

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**Beth Lambert** - August 04, 2017 at 03:31 PM