



## Howard Stutts

January 8, 1936 - July 27, 2025

Howard Atlas Stutts, also known as “Nugget”, was born on January 8, 1936, and died on July 27, 2025, at the age of 89.

Howard was born in Steinhatchee, Florida and raised in Horseshoe Beach, Florida where he spent most of his childhood. After serving in the United States Marines from 1953 to 1956, he spent the rest of his life in Cross City, Florida.

Howard lived a life defined by service, strength, and unwavering values. As a proud United States Marine, he carried that same discipline, loyalty, and grit in every chapter of his life. After serving his country, Howard worked in carpentry and maintenance; however, his true calling was on the water where he worked as a commercial fisherman. The Gulf wasn’t just where he earned his living – it was where he found peace, purpose, and joy. When he was not on the water, he enjoyed deer and turkey hunting. He loved God, loved the church, and spending time with his family. His legacy is one of integrity, hard work, and dedication.

He is survived by his loving wife of 42 years, Mary Jo Stutts, his children Keith Stutts, Kevin Stutts (Kiley), Renee Liles (Danny), Keith Cooper, 12 grandchildren, 19 great grandchildren, his siblings Patsy Miley and Walter Stutts, brother-in-law Bobby Hatch (Linda), and a host of extended family and friends. He is preceded in death by parents W.A. and Bessie Stutts, siblings

Lloyd "Bearcat" Stutts and Dorothy Griggs, his daughter Lynee Cooper, grandson Christopher Cooper, and daughter-in-law Debbie Cooper.

Funeral services will be held Thursday, July 31, 2025, at Rick Gooding Funeral Home Chapel in Cross City. Visitation will start at 2:00 p.m., followed by the service at 3:00 p.m. Interment will follow at Old McCrabb Cemetery in Old Town.

Arrangements have been placed under the care of Rick Gooding Funeral Home Cross City 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)

# Cemetery Details

## Old McCrabb Cemetery

316 NE 783rd St  
Old Town, FL 32680

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL 31. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Rick Gooding Funeral Home Cross City  
16984 SE Hwy 19  
PO Box 1208  
Cross City, FL 32628

## Funeral Service

JUL 31. 3:00 PM (ET)

Rick Gooding Funeral Home Cross City Chapel  
16984 SE Hwy 19  
Cross City, FL 32628

# Tribute Wall



“ Rick Gooding Funeral Homes created a Webcast in memory of Howard Stutts



Rick Gooding Funeral Homes - July 31, 2025 at 02:35 PM

PL

Wonderful service! Preston, such a precious song and I, am impressed by your obedience and courage to listen to the voice of God. How proud your papa would be. It's great to hear a funeral service that is encouraging and inspiring us to get ready for whenever we are caught away whichever way Jesus decides to take us home!

Patricia Liles - July 31, 2025 at 03:59 PM



Thank you for making this available and it was a wonderful service for a great man.

Joshua Lamb - July 31, 2025 at 05:16 PM

AJ

Just saw this, very sad my heart breaks for Mary Jo, they truly were soul mates. I have alot of very happy memories of spending time with Howard and Mary Jo in Suwannee when I was little.my grandmother and papa were great friends with them.they were really great people



Amber jarvis - August 10, 2025 at 05:13 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Howard Stutts.*



July 30, 2025 at 11:07 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Howard Stutts.

July 30, 2025 at 11:07 PM



“ *Lily and Rose Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Howard Stutts.*



July 29, 2025 at 01:23 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Howard Stutts.

July 29, 2025 at 01:23 PM



“ *Randy Miller and the girls. purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Howard Stutts.*



**Randy Miller and the girls.** - July 29, 2025 at 10:57 AM