



Lyndell Howell

January 13, 1967 - February 2, 2026

Lyndell Delano Howell, 59, of Old Town, Florida, passed away on February 2, 2026. Born on January 13, 1967, in Perry, Florida, Lyndell spent his life rooted in the communities of Dixie County, where he became known for his mechanical skill, unwavering work ethic, and deep devotion to family and faith.

A proud graduate of Dixie County High School's Class of 1985, Lyndell began his working life at Suwannee Lumber. Over the years, he wore many hats—mechanic, parts salesman, correctional officer, and maintenance worker at the prison. He returned to Suwannee Lumber for a brief stretch. Changed back to mechanic work and welding/fabrication. Eventually, he retired early from the Dixie School Board. But retirement didn't slow him down—his true calling was always in his shop at home. There, he continued to do what he loved most: fixing engines, building trucks from the ground up, welding and fabricating with precision and pride.

Lyndell was the go-to man for carburetor rebuilds or four-wheeler repairs. His mechanical talent was matched only by his dedication to doing things right. Whether it was a neighbor's ATV or his own custom-build, Lyndell poured himself into every project with care and craftsmanship. Those who knew him well, knew he was forever a Chevy man!

Beyond his workbench and tools, Lyndell found his greatest joy in family. He

shared a devoted marriage with his wife Tonya Howell. Together they raised two sons—Buddy Howell (Rylee) and Dell Howell (Jessy)—and later welcomed grandchildren Nixon Howell and Jovi Lyn Howell (on the way) into their lives. Family time was sacred to Lyndell. Though he once believed the world ended at the borders of Dixie County, Tonya helped him discover the joys of travel. They took many vacations with their sons over the years and spent an anniversary in Maine. Later they ventured out on their own to explore the American West by road trip—twice—and even took an Alaska cruise with friends. They shared a true love story rooted in home, adventures, and love without end.

Lyndell also cherished time spent in his shop with close friends. These moments were filled not just with turning wrenches but also laughter and camaraderie that reflected the loyalty he gave so freely to those around him.

He took immense pride in his home and property—keeping everything neat and tidy even when energy waned. His attention to detail extended beyond mechanics; it was part of how he lived every day—with purpose and integrity.

Lyndell's faith journey deepened over time. He worshipped at First Baptist Church in Cross City, New Prospect in Old Town, and Cross City Church of God. As his relationship with Jesus grew stronger, so did his willingness to share that faith openly with others—a quiet but powerful testament to who he had become.

He is survived by his beloved wife Tonya; sons Buddy (Rylee) and Dell (Jessy); grandchildren Nixon Howell and Jovi Lyn Howell (on the way); and sister Cheryl Howell. He was preceded in death by his father Wilton “Buddy” Howell and mother Cecile Howell-Stemple.

Lyndell Delano Howell will be remembered as a man who lived honestly,

worked hard with gifted hands, loved deeply without pretense, and walked faithfully alongside those closest to him. Forever our hero and the wind beneath our wings! May his memory bring comfort to all who knew him.

Funeral services will be held 1:00 PM Friday, February 6, 2026, at the Cross City Church of God, with Pastor Joe Brooks officiating. Interment will follow in the Butler Cemetery in Horseshoe Beach. The family will receive friends at the church one hour prior to the service.

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

Cemetery Details

Butler Cemetery

217 sw 446 street
Horseshoe Beach, FL 32648

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 6. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Cross City Church of God
18220 SE US-19
cross city, FL 32628
<https://www.facebook.com/CrossCityChurchOfGod/>

Funeral Service

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Tribute Wall



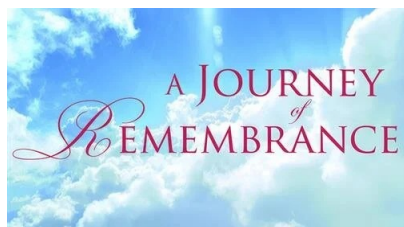
“ Rick Gooding Funeral Homes created a Webcast in memory of Lyndell Howell



Rick Gooding Funeral Homes - February 09 at 11:36 AM



“ Rick Gooding Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Lyndell Howell



Rick Gooding Funeral Homes - February 06 at 08:48 AM

CK

“ Tonya, I'm so sorry for your loss. And you don't need words to know what wonderful man Lyndell truly was. I know you will have OK days, and not so OK days. But just know you have a whole community that loves you and are here to help you through. God will bless and keep you in His loving arms.



Carla Kidd - April 29 at 09:17 AM

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Carla Kidd - April 29 at 09:16 AM

JC

“ Jessica C. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Lyndell Howell.

Jessica C. - February 06 at 12:46 AM



“ 205 files added to the album LifeTributes



Lyndell - 7h
I love you so much baby. You and our
s(wives) and grand baby is the re
o fighting. You'll never realize how
mean to me. Happy 34th babe.

Rick Gooding Funeral Homes - February 05 at 04:13 PM

SE

“ Steve & Chandra Elliott purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Lyndell Howell.



Steve & Chandra Elliott - February 05 at 01:36 PM

JJ

“ Jessie, Alan and Jill purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Lyndell Howell.



Jessie, Alan and Jill - February 05 at 11:05 AM

JJ

“ Jessie, Alan and Jill planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Lyndell Howell.

Jessie, Alan and Jill - February 05 at 11:05 AM

CC

“ Tonya, so sorry to hear of Lyndell’s passing. Thinking of you and your family. Take care. Cathy Capo

Cathy Capo - February 05 at 09:44 AM

CW

R.I.P. Condolences to the family. I know all of Dixie County and beyond will miss him.

Charles R Wiggins - February 05 at 11:49 AM

RH

“ Richard & Harriet purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Lyndell Howell.



Richard & Harriet - February 04 at 09:10 PM

RH

“ Richard & Harriet planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Lyndell Howell.

Richard & Harriet - February 04 at 09:10 PM

EE

“ Ernie & Felicia Orcutt Family & Ernie's purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Lyndell Howell.



Ernie & Felicia Orcutt Family & Ernie's - February 04 at 05:12 PM

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“ Ernie & Felicia Orcutt Family & Ernie's planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Lyndell Howell.

Ernie & Felicia Orcutt Family & Ernie's - February 04 at 05:12 PM

SM

“ Shelby M. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Lyndell Howell.

Shelby M. - February 04 at 04:19 PM