



## Mike Stemple

September 3, 1969 - October 21, 2024

Michael "Mike" Walter Stemple, September 3, 1969 - October 21, 2024.

It is with heavy hearts that we announce the passing of Michael "Mike" Walter Stemple, who left us peacefully in Trenton, Florida, on October 21, 2024, at the age of 55.

Born in Tarpon Springs, Florida, Mike was a beloved husband, father, grandfather, brother, and friend. Mike is survived by his devoted wife, Krishna Stemple, who stood by him through thick and thin. He was a proud father to Marissa Stemple, Kelsey (Douglas) Cliche, Zachary (Hannah) Peck, Jarrod (Brittany) Peck, and Ryan (Brittney) Frye. He cherished his role as "Papa" to his grandkids, Benjamin, Liam, Mitchell, Kelsey, Kynlea, Autumn, Hadley, Oakley, Knox, Lily, Maxx, and Alexander, teaching them life lessons with love and humor.

He is preceded in death by his father, Edward "Ed" Stemple and Earnest "Earnie" Keen, and is survived by his mother, Vivian Keen, and Cecile Stemple. He leaves behind his siblings Becky (Ross) Bussard, Jeffery (Tammy) Stemple, and Kenneth (Jennifer) Stemple, Cheryl Howell, and Lyndell (Tonya) Howell along with many cherished family members and friends.

For approximately 20 years, Mike dedicated his career to the Florida Department of Corrections, where he made a positive impact on many lives. Outside of work, he found joy in hunting and fishing, relishing every moment spent in nature and with his family. His laughter and stories will be dearly missed.

A service will be held at Noon on Friday, October 25, 2024, at the Rick Gooding Funeral Home Chapel, 16984 SE Hwy 19, Cross City, FL, where family and friends will gather to honor his memory. Burial will follow at Bowlegs Cemetery 6094 SW 623rd St. Rocky Creek, FL. Visitation will be one hour prior to the service at the funeral home.

Mike will be remembered for his kind heart, infectious spirit, and unwavering love for his family. Rest in peace, Mike. You will always be in our hearts.

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

## Bowlegs / Overstreet Cemetery

6094 SW 623rd Street  
Steinhatchee, FL 32359

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT 25. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Rick Gooding Funeral Home Cross City  
16984 SE Hwy 19  
Cross City, FL 32628  
(352) 498-5400

## Funeral Service

OCT 25. 12:00 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 Mike Stemple



Rick Gooding Funeral Homes - October 25, 2024 at 01:32 PM

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*Rest in Peace Stemp!!  
You will always be in our hearts!  
Prayers to his Family!  
You were an amazing person.*

Terri Emrich - October 25, 2024 at 07:29 PM

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“ To Mike's family, extend family, our deepest condolences. Mike always had a sense of humor that was contagious, funny, electrifying at times. I worked many security shifts with him. When he became a training Sergeant. Mike took the training to another level. Always stressing to staff, "If you need help with anything, Ask! We don't want you to fail. Your gonna be successful". If you was having a bad day, Mike would step up to the plate to make your day. Mike did not meet strangers. He made friends along life's journey. Mike, your missed!

*Jimmie, Rachel, & Zachary Hill  
Joe, Maddie & Vivi Grae Giles III*

james hill - October 25, 2024 at 09:37 AM

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“ *South Eastern Excavations planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mike Stemple.*

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**South Eastern Excavations** - October 24, 2024 at 12:50 PM

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“ *South Eastern Excavations purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Mike Stemple.*



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