



Randy Shaffer

July 31, 1963 - September 9, 2025

Randy Lee Shaffer passed away peacefully at the age of 62 on September 9, 2025, when his big, wonderful, loving heart decided it was time for him to move on. Known to a wide circle of friends and neighbors as “Hippie,” Randy lived a free life, filled with joy, and worked hard as a commercial fisherman. It was his dream job, because nothing made him happier than being on the water.

Fortunately for himself and everyone around him, Randy determined at an early age that he wanted to live life on his own terms. He enjoyed every day to the fullest, fishing, crabbing, and sharing good times with family, friends, and co-workers. He never missed a chance to sing his favorite song – Takin’ Care of Business – on stage, and was known for his many great one-liners, most famously “Get a leg up!”.

Randy and his longtime girlfriend, Wanda Ratliff, lived in a simple home in Old Town, Florida.

But he could usually be found at work in Steinhatchee, out on a boat, doing what he loved. Working or playing, he always put a smile on people’s faces with his wonderful energy and well-developed sense of humor. He was a joy to be around and will be dearly missed.

Preceded in death by his parents, James Henry and Donna Marie Shaffer, and his brother, Robert Shaffer, Randy is survived by his partner, Wanda, and siblings Joseph Shaffer, Sandra Novotny, Rochella Shaffer and Douglas Shaffer. Also surviving is his daughter Daisylee

Shaffer, her husband Ernesto Espino, grandchildren Jacobi and Jameson, and many beloved nieces and nephews.

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

Tribute Wall

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Daiseylee shaffer - September 15, 2025 at 01:20 PM

JH

“ Hippie was like a godfather to me and my neighbor all my life he gave me my first slim Jim at tom Willits house on the 4th of July and I drank as many orange crush's as I could he was truly a one of a kind person in my life and always seemed to make me smile and brighten the scene I saw him the evening before he passed at hitchcocks and he told me to tell my parents to get a leg up and that they would get it. I really am glad god let me get to see him one last time you will be loved and missed LLH

jabe herring - September 12, 2025 at 05:10 PM

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Daiseylee shaffer - September 18, 2025 at 02:11 PM

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“ Rest in peace dear friend enjoy that big ocean in the sky crabbing and fishing that you did so well you will truly be missed



Karen Kay Luckado - September 12, 2025 at 03:07 PM

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Daiseylee shaffer - September 18, 2025 at 02:11 PM

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Daiseylee shaffer - September 12, 2025 at 02:10 PM

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“ Christine lit a candle in memory of Randy Shaffer



Christine - September 12, 2025 at 01:00 PM

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Daiseylee shaffer - September 12, 2025 at 11:20 AM

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“ Daiseylee shaffer lit a candle in memory of Randy Shaffer



Daiseylee shaffer - September 12, 2025 at 11:15 AM