



## Russ Wells

December 29, 1961 - March 1, 2025

Russell Harry Wells III of Lake Park, Georgia, passed away March 1, 2025. He was born December 29, 1961 in Valdosta, Georgia. Russ had spent most of his adult life in Steinhatchee, Florida.

Russ had worked as a commercial fisherman and handyman for several years. In his spare time, he enjoyed riding his motorcycle, fishing, exploring the outdoors, being adventurous, enjoyed playing his harmonica and helping others in every way he could. Russ was of the Christian faith and lived by the word of his Lord and Savior.

Russ is survived by his mother, Louise B. Leonetti; brother, Rick Wells; sisters, Erika Leonetti Neyman and Selena Wells; his sons Caleb D. Wells, Cody L. Wells, and Jacob C. Wells; and only granddaughter, Aubrie Jade Estella Padilla; special cousin, Luann Powell and devoted soul, Sue Herring; along with several amazing extended family, friends and acquaintances, for Russ just loved all. Preceded in death by his daddy, and his first-born son, Russell E. "Eric" Wells, and grandparents, Mr. & Mrs. B.E. Barber, Mr. & Mrs. G.W. Bennett.

A memorial service will be held, at 1:00 PM, Friday, March 14, 2025, at the First Baptist Church of Jena in Steinhatchee, Florida, with Pastor James West officiating.

Please join us for a gathering by the water at Steinhatchee Falls, following the church 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](http://rickgoodingfuneralhomes.com)

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

MAR 14. 1:00 PM (ET)

First Baptist Church of Jena  
758 SW Highway 361  
Steinhatchee, FL 32359

# Tribute Wall



“ Rick Gooding Funeral Homes created a Webcast in memory of Russ Wells



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**Rick Gooding Funeral Homes** - March 14, 2025 at 02:54 PM

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“ I have several great memories of Russ and I he will always be in my heart forever he was a great guy love to fish love to ride there's so many that cared a lot about Russ and he cared about a lot of people too I love you forever



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**Susan Herring** - March 14, 2025 at 09:41 PM

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“ Susan Herring lit a candle in memory of Russ Wells



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**Susan Herring** - March 14, 2025 at 09:38 PM

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“ *Kellie Taylor lit a candle in memory of Russ Wells*



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**Kellie Taylor** - March 14, 2025 at 01:32 PM