



Tommy Rex Priest, Jr.

November 13, 1936 - October 8, 2016

Tommy "Rex" Priest, Jr., 79, of Englewood passed away on Saturday, October 8, 2016 at Englewood Community Hospital.

Born on November 13, 1936 in Tampa, to the late Tommy Rex and Louise Pierce Priest, he had been a resident of Charlotte County since 1993. Rex was a second generation Floridian who graduated in 1955 from Hillsborough High School in Tampa. He proudly served 36 years for the Seaboard Coastline and then CSX Railroad prior to retiring in 1990. He was a member of the Englewood United Methodist Church.

Rex was a loving husband, father, brother, uncle, grandfather and great-grandfather. He was happiest boating, golfing, watching FSU football, traveling in his RV with his beloved wife and pup or scheming a project to be completed. While he loved his home on Pine Bay in Englewood, his heart was always on the Toccoa River in North Georgia. He was enormously proud, dependable, witty and in the eyes of his family, there was nothing he could not build or fix. Or cook. He will be missed dearly and his family will patiently await a heavenly reunion.

Survivors include his loving wife of thirty-eight years: Kristin Priest; five daughters: Ashley (Michael) Priest, Tammy (Reggie) Priest, Deborah Casey, Kimberly (Emile) Garcia, Shannon (Chris) Taylor; two sons: Tommy Rex Priest III and Steven (Dana) Braden; two brothers: Dr. David G. (Ann) Priest and Dr. Joseph (Dee) Priest; ten grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

Services will be private. Memorial contributions may be made to the Shriners Children's Hospital, 2900 North Rocky Point Drive, Tampa, Florida 33607 or donorrelations@shrinenet.org in memory of Rex Priest.

Englewood Community Funeral Home with Private Crematory has been selected to handle arrangements. You may share a memory with the Priest family at www.Englewoodfh.com

Comments



“ I've known Rex for over 40 years, and worked with him for over 10 years strait at Rockport. He was my supervisor, but more than that.....he was my friend. We never had a cross word. I cherish his memory and all the good times we had working together. The friendship and the laughs we had together will comfort me,...God will comfort Kristen and family. Rest in peace, Rex.

J.D. Stanford

J.D.Stanford - October 13, 2016 at 09:18 PM



“ WOW !...this is a man who should've lived for ever...he was one of the most decent and caring people I ever met...this guy took time out to be my friend, even when I was a smart mouthed, brought up the wrong way, fourteen year old kid...he taught me how to hunt quail and dove and dress 'em out, get to know horses, appreciate all animals, and how to deal with other human beings...he talked to me, as in "talk to me"...not bitch at me, lecture me, scold me, put me down. he gave me guidance I didn't get at home or school. Rex Priest was my friend...if kids are allowed to have grown folk for friends. friendship has no boundaries, time or distance (at least to me), and I truly feel a hollow spot in my heart where I have lost a true friend I have always idolized. Tommy, Tammy, (i'm sorry, I don't know the rest of the family) I do feel your grief. I lost my dad a few years back (in fact, I have lost all my elders and only my brothers and sister are left) so I know the feeling, and, I feel for you...your dad was a great guy. thanks for sharing him with me. the good lord must have really needed him. scott

scott sexton - October 13, 2016 at 04:08 PM



“ So sorry to hear of Rex's passing. He was always smiling and joking when we worked with him at Rockport. Ken and Paula Thomas

Ken Thomas - October 13, 2016 at 03:24 PM



“ Kristen and Family So sorry to hear about Rex Got a lot of good memories of our time with you and Rex in the North Ga mountains Love Shirley Warmack

Shirley Warmack - October 13, 2016 at 07:40 AM