



Mr. Thomas Franklin Giella

January 23, 1957 - December 16, 2023

Thomas Franklin Giella, 66, of Lakeland, born on January 23, 1957 in Dade City, entered into eternal rest on December 16, 2023. He was a Veteran of the United States Coast Guard, a former deputy for the Pasco County Sheriff's Office, and a prison guard for the Florida Department of Corrections. He loved his family dearly, was a Ham radio operator, and enjoyed meteorology. He is survived by his wife of 28 years, Lori Friend Giella; children, Shawn Giella, Amanda Lagunes (Henry), Kevin McEver (Marissa), Kristin Gilley (Adam), and Lindsey McEver; 9 grandchildren; 1 great-grandchild; sister, Diana Greif (James); aunts, Mary Giella, and Barbara Tewell; and many other family, and friends. He was preceded in death by parents, Sam and Libby Giella; and brothers, Michael Giella, and Louis Giella. A funeral service with military honors will be held Friday, January 5 at 4:00 P.M. at Hopewell Funeral Home, 6005 South County Road 39, Plant City, where the family will receive friends beginning at 3:00 P.M. Inurnment at Florida National Cemetery, Bushnell. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Louis Giella Memorial Scholarship Fund, c/o Travis Giella, P.O. Box 1240, San Antonio, FL 33576. Expressions of condolences at www.HopewellFuneral.com.

Cemetery Details

Florida National Cemetery

6502 SW 102nd Ave
Bushnell, FL 33513-8914
(352) 793-7740

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 5. 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Hopewell Funeral Home
6005 County Road 39 South
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Funeral Service

JAN 5. 4:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

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“ Sending my deepest condolences to the Giella family from Hungary. I recently learned about Thomas’s fascinating work in meteorology, space weather forecasting, and his dedication as a ham radio operator (W4HM). His passion even connected beautifully with my favorite TV series, 'Invasion' (2005), which was set in Homestead and centered around weather anomalies. Thomas was a brilliant mind whose legacy reached all the way across the ocean. Keeping your family in my thoughts.”

Ferenc Kárász - May 31 at 02:59 PM

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“ April Fleming Sullivent lit a candle in memory of Mr. Thomas Franklin Giella



April Fleming Sullivent - January 05, 2024 at 10:44 PM

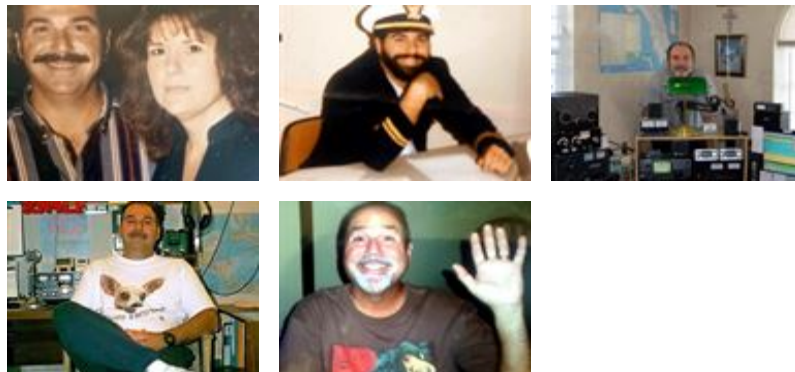
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Lori, I'm so sorry to hear about your husband. Much love and prayers to you all. ❤️🙏

April Fleming Sullivent - January 05, 2024 at 10:45 PM



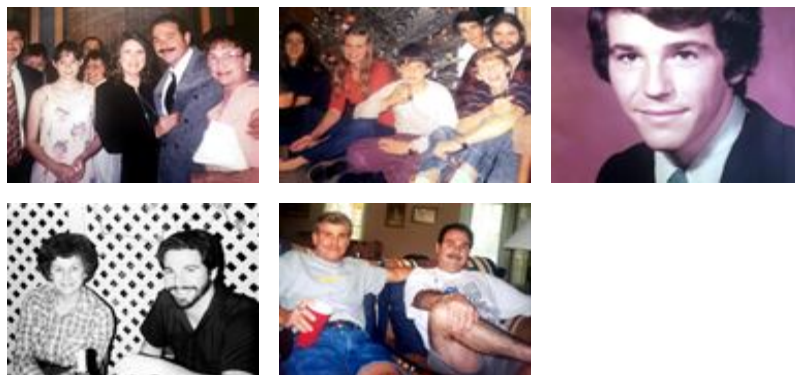
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ME

“ Forever missed love u .rip Tom



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Shawn Giella - December 27, 2023 at 04:07 PM

ME

“ *Maria Epps lit a candle in memory of Mr. Thomas Franklin Giella*



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