



Gary Albert Combee

November 8, 1951 - April 8, 2020

Gary was born November 8, 1951 in Sarasota to Maurice and Betty Hand Combee, both deceased. He leaves behind a loving and devoted wife, Holly as well as two sisters, Leanne Snow and Jamie Combee Holdsworth, two nieces, a nephew and their families. A step son, Scott Fox and two grandchildren as well as his beloved Dalmatian Shrimpie and Shrimpies rescue dog pit bull "sister" Tilly.

He graduated from Sarasota High School in 1969, he was involved in the Sailor Circus all of his high school years. He started a long 44 year career in law enforcement in the mid 1970's. During that lengthy career he served as a deputy at both the Sarasota and Manatee County Sheriff's Offices as well as a had a two year stint as the Security Manager for Lykes Brothers Ranch and Grove division in south Florida. In 1986, he returned to the Manatee County Sheriff's Office from where he retired in December 2019 at the rank of Sergeant. Over his 40 plus years at the MCSO, he served in many capacities including detective. He was promoted to Sergeant in January 1995, as a Sergeant he oversaw a Violent Crimes Task Force, he functioned as a Sergeant in the Traffic Unit and as a Traffic Homicide Investigator. At his retirement he was serving as the Sergeant in charge of the Gang Unit at the MCSO, he had held this position for many years and was extremely knowledgeable in this field. He specialized in and was known around the state for his expertise in the world of Outlaw Motorcycle Gangs. In addition to this

he retired as the head of Emergency Services for the MCSO, in his role of Commander of Emergency Services he ran the MCSO's response to hurricane Irma.

Gary also rode his own Harley Davidson motorcycle and was a member of The Defenders Law Enforcement Motorcycle Club.

He was for many years an official with the American Driving Society and functioned in the capacity of a Technical Delegate at combined driving events around the country. He was on the show committee for 20 years for the Live Oak Combined Driving Event and travelled around the country for many years as part of a team putting on combined driving events with Live Oak Combined Driving Inc.

He was a retired fire commissioner for the Parrish Fire District, he held office there for 20 years and served as the Chairman for much of that time.

He loved animals, especially his dogs and kitties.

For those who knew Gary, he was unforgettable, he had a rough exterior that hid a very sweet and sensitive side that only a few people were privileged enough to know. He never sugar coated anything. There was never any doubt where he stood on a topic. He loved his wife and his family. He will be missed every day by those who loved him.

A memorial contribution can be made to Dalmatian Rescue of Colorado at dalmatianrescueco.org or to Dalmatian Rescue of South Florida at dalmatianrescue.com.

Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Gendron Funeral & Cremation Services Inc. located at 135 N Lime Avenue, Sarasota, FL 34237.

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Tribute Wall



“ Gary Albert Combee

October 09, 2023 at 02:01 AM



“ Gary Albert Combee

January 28, 2023 at 12:09 PM




“ *I will miss having you in the neighborhood, Gary. Your presence always made me feel more secure. And, I thank you for mowing along the ditch so that my walks with my dogs were easier. One of my favorite memories is of the time you set a young rookie firefighter straight when he tried to park his truck in the spot reserved for the handicapped or the ambulance. I am certain that he will never forget that lesson! I know that I never did. May you rest in peace until all the ones whom you love come to join you!*

Love and prayers to Holly, Scott, the rest of your family, and to all of your friends.

Sawyer Ramsey

Sawyer Ramsey - April 18, 2020 at 10:52 PM

 Brian Snyder

“ Gary, it's not where do I begin but where do I end. Your a story teller so I'll just leave little reminders.

ITS GOT ME..... Mr clothes pin..... you loved the domestic violence victim rubbing my leg under the table,,, your romantic side helping me cut Rose's at 3am for a crush,,,, men who didnt comply wish they never had a pony tail.....to you I'm B Brian or Bucky.... to me your a forever friend and our memories and personalities wore off on each other. Thank you my friend for the pages of memories and talks.

Brian Snyder - April 17, 2020 at 07:11 AM



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