

Mr. Joel "Gus" Ray Grissom

May 10, 1950 - August 10, 2017

Mr. Joel "Gus" Ray Grissom, age 67, passed away Thursday in Lexington. He was born May 10, 1950 in Blytheville, Arkansas to the late Floyd Ray and Willie Luceal Middleton Grissom. He retired from the U. S. Air Force after 24 years of service and was a retired Quality Control Manager for Young Touchstone. Mr. Grissom enjoyed going to the Baptist Church, working outside around his garden and pool, and grilling. He also enjoyed classic country music, football, and Real Madrid Spanish Soccer. He was married 35 years to the love of his life, the late Maria Pilar Grissom. He loved his family and grandchildren, and was a real people person. He always made a friend, never met a stranger, and enjoyed the company of others. Mr. Grissom is survived by his five children, Cesar Grissom of Lexington, Joel Christopher (Marta) Grissom of Culpeper, VA, Michael (Susan) Grissom of Ashburn, VA, Sandra (Brad) Premo of Nashville, and Michelle (Brian) Vernon of Bartlett; two sisters, Marie McVay (Bobby) of Memphis and Winnie (Bryan) Bunch of Lexington; and five grandchildren, Mikey and C. J. Grissom, Justin and Alex Vernon, and Isabel Premo. The family will receive friends on Monday, August 14, 2017 from 2-5 PM at Pafford Funeral Home in Lexington. A memorial service will be held at 5 PM with interment and full military honors to follow at Grissom Family Cemetery.

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG **14**. 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM (CT)

Pafford Funeral Home - Lexington, TN
71 Monroe Ave.
Lexington, TN

Memorial Service

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Tribute Wall



“ Pafford Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mr. Joel "Gus" Ray Grissom



Pafford Funeral Home - August 14, 2017 at 11:59 AM

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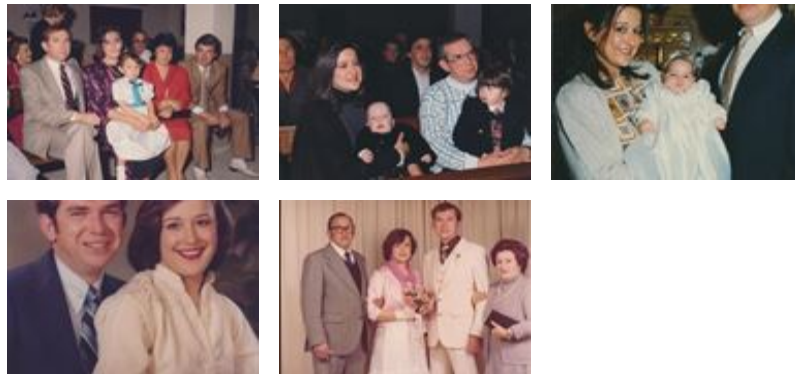
“ Mike And Brenda McKeen lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joel "Gus" Ray Grissom



Mike and Brenda McKeen - August 16, 2017 at 12:44 PM



“ 214 files added to the album LifeTributes



Pafford Funeral Home - August 14, 2017 at 11:15 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Mr. Joel "Gus" Ray Grissom.



August 14, 2017 at 09:30 AM



“ *With Much Love, Brandon & Christina* purchased the *Florist Choice Bouquet* for the family of Mr. Joel "Gus" Ray Grissom.



With Much Love, Brandon & Christina - August 13, 2017 at 09:47 PM



“ *Beautiful Dreams* was purchased for the family of Mr. Joel "Gus" Ray Grissom.



August 13, 2017 at 08:47 AM



“ *Donna Darrough* lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joel "Gus" Ray Grissom



Donna Darrough - August 12, 2017 at 06:12 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Mr. Joel "Gus" Ray Grissom.*



August 12, 2017 at 05:09 PM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Mr. Joel "Gus" Ray Grissom.*



August 12, 2017 at 03:35 PM



“ *I can't believe that Joel is gone. I was expecting him to improve with time and help from doctors, therapy and family. He and Pili were always so kind to my family, especially Brad, who had so much respect for both of them. I'm deeply saddened for Joel's children, grandchildren, and sisters as they travel this path of shock, grief and loss. God bless you all. I'm just so so sorry.*

*My Sincerest Sympathy,
Di Premo*

Diana Premo - August 12, 2017 at 02:15 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. Joel "Gus" Ray Grissom.*



August 12, 2017 at 11:55 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mr. Joel "Gus" Ray Grissom.*



August 12, 2017 at 11:10 AM



“ *I am so very sorry to hear the news of Joel's passing, he was always such a nice person. I had just seen him a few weeks ago and chatted with him for a while so, I was shocked to find out he had passed away. I will keep all of you in my thoughts and prayers.*

Sherrie Kizer - August 11, 2017 at 07:35 PM



“ *A mentor to all-May he now rest with his sweet Pilar in heaven.*



Lorrie Bowman - August 11, 2017 at 10:48 AM

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“ *Jerry Stegall lit a candle in memory of Mr.
Joel "Gus" Ray Grissom*



Jerry Stegall - August 11, 2017 at 01:25 AM