



## Cecil Nooney Goff

March 1, 1933 - October 1, 2016

Cecil Nooney Goff

“No eye has seen, no ear has heard, and no mind has imagined what God has prepared for those who love Him.” 1 Corinthians 2:9

Beloved husband, dad and grandpa, Cecil Nooney Goff, 83 of Geneva, Florida passed away on Saturday, October 1, 2016. Cecil was born on March 1, 1933 in Tampa, Florida, the firstborn son of Nooney and Bernice Goff.

Cecil grew up in Tampa with his younger brother Bob. He graduated from Hillsborough High School, enlisted in 1953 with the United States Air Force and was stationed in the South Pacific as a radio operator. A year later, he was transferred to Minot Air Force Station, in North Dakota where he met a blonde, blue-eyed girl with a sparkly smile named Arlis Suckert. Two years later, Cecil and Arlis were married on June 2, 1956.

In 1957, Cecil was discharged from the Air Force, and moved to Gainesville to attend his adored University of Florida. In the midst of his engineering study, his two children, Cecilia and Steve were born. After graduating with a B.S. in Mechanical Engineering, he moved his young family to Panama City to start his career at the Naval Training Center. In 1963, he paused his career to earn a Master's Degree in Aeronautical Engineering from Penn State.

In 1968, Cecil transferred to the Naval Training Center in Orlando, Florida and worked until his retirement in 1989.

To say Cecil was a car hobbyist is an understatement. He was a master craftsman. His skill was the restoration of antique cars specifically Fords, although he did break tradition with a Plymouth and a quickly abandoned attempt at a Jaguar. He was a known expert on the 1949-1951 Fords. Car enthusiasts worldwide consulted him and even visited to view his cars. He served as president of the Early V8 Club, and was a member of the Antique Automobile Club of America. Among his repertoire of restored cars are a:

- 1950 Ford Convertible – Cecil’s first car also known as the “old yellow car” or “the marriage carriage”
- 1951 Ford Truck – “the green truck”
- 1936 Ford Cabriolet – convertible complete with rumble seat
- 1965 Ford Mustang - convertible
- 1951 Ford Crestliner
- 1950 Ford Woody

His crowning achievement was his 1936 Ford Cabriolet winning best of show in the 1979 National Classic Car Show in Cypress Garden. His cars have been featured in museums, Disney parades, and various media.

Many favorite family memories are centered on his antique cars – trips to the lake in the green truck, Fourth of July parades in Geneva, and the weddings of grandchildren.

Above all, Cecil loved his family, animals, especially his Labradors and his adored Florida Gators, and he loved them well. He was a kind, intelligent man with many interesting stories his legacy will continue to tell.

If you would like to give a memorable gift, the family suggests the Labrador Retriever Rescue of Florida where Cecil found his much loved Katie or the

University of Florida Foundation.

# Previous Events

## Greeting of Family and Friends

OCT 5. 10:45 AM - 11:15 AM (ET)

DeGusipe Funeral Home & Crematory Maitland Chapel  
9001 N. Orlando Ave  
Maitland, FL 32751  
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## Celebration of Life August 5th, 2017 1200 Noon at DeGusipe Funeral Home and Crematory

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# Tribute Wall

JH

“ I have only today been advised by a friend in the Early Ford V8 Club of Queensland Australia of the sad passing of Cecil. My late husband Keith and I had the pleasure of visiting with Cecil and Arlis in 1996. They made us so welcome and we enjoyed immensely our brief stay with them. We travelled with them to Georgia for the Western National Meet of the Early Ford V8 Club at that time and shared some very happy moments together. I have very fond memories of that time and the contact we shared over the years. Cecil will be sadly missed as he was an inspiration with his countless knowledge which he shared so passionately. As owners of 1949-1951 Early Ford V8 vehicles, we have been blessed with the helpful information and advice given so freely by Cecil. My thoughts and prayers go to Arlis and his family.

*Jeanette Henry - Gold Coast Australia*

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**Jeanette Henry** - January 03, 2017 at 11:31 AM



“ *Sapphire Skies Bouquet* was purchased for the family of Cecil Nooney Goff.



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October 05, 2016 at 10:42 AM

JB

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**Jules Baclar** - October 05, 2016 at 07:59 AM

MD

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**Michelyn Doherty** - October 04, 2016 at 11:28 PM

MD

*My Uncle.....my friend! You will be sorely missed. Much love to Aunt Arlis and family! Until we meet again.....*

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**Michelyn Doherty** - October 04, 2016 at 11:34 PM

YS

“ *Your friends at Synergy purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of Cecil Nooney Goff.*



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**Your friends at Synergy** - October 04, 2016 at 04:07 PM

BM

“ *Bill & Clo Morris purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Cecil Nooney Goff.*



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**Bill & Clo Morris** - October 04, 2016 at 11:42 AM

YK

“ *Your City of Winter Park friends, Pam and Karen purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Cecil Nooney Goff.*



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**Your City of Winter Park friends, Pam and Karen** - October 04, 2016 at 10:52 AM

CL

“ *Corey Dike, Matt Weaver, and Magda Lueiro purchased the Guiding Light Bouquet for the family of Cecil Nooney Goff.*



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**Corey Dike, Matt Weaver, and Magda Lueiro** - October 04, 2016 at 10:19 AM

MP

“ *Mark and Patsy Poff purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Cecil Nooney Goff.*



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**Mark and Patsy Poff** - October 04, 2016 at 06:17 AM

JR

“ *Jim and Sue robinson purchased the Sweet Tranquility Basket for the family of Cecil Nooney Goff.*



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**Jim and Sue robinson** - October 04, 2016 at 04:15 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Cecil Nooney Goff.*



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October 03, 2016 at 09:21 PM

LC

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**larry cruse** - October 03, 2016 at 09:05 PM

JH

“ *A great friend, will me missed by all: Tim & Barbara Halter, 1949-53 Ford Mercury Association*

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**John Tim Halter** - October 03, 2016 at 11:31 AM



Kathryn  
Townser

*A good man of faith who loved his family. A life lived with integrity. A great neighbor (and snake catcher :) ) and friend. He leaves an inspiring legacy and example to us all. John and Kathryn Townsend*

**Kathryn Townsend** - October 03, 2016 at 01:10 PM

HB

*Sending heartfelt sympathy to Arlis and their family with the loss of their wonderful husband and father. We were blessed to have had the privilege of calling Cecil, friend. He will be missed by many and we will always remember his fondness for his vintage cars!*

**Henry and Bitsy Beel** - October 03, 2016 at 08:07 PM

LC

*Cecil and I were friends and co-workers for over 50 years, he was one of the smartest, kindest people I knew. In recent years I have been meeting Cecil for breakfast once a week where we discussed everything from Gator football to world affairs. I can't tell you how much those meetings meant to me and I will miss him very much. My condolences to Arlis and the family.*

**Larry Cruse** - October 03, 2016 at 09:45 PM

JR

*Cecil, a dear friend from across the pond of near 30 years, a genuine, nice man and good company, we shared our love of old Fords and we are so glad we paid a visit to Florida to see our friends in 2013 and 2014. Much sadness but good memories, rest in peace Cecil and much love from us to Arlis and the family, will be a huge loss to us all. Jim and Sue. x x*

**jim robinson** - October 04, 2016 at 03:01 AM

BG

*Always respected and admired. He was the main reason that I decided long ago that I wanted to be an engineer. A great guy that will be sorely missed.*

**Bryan Goff** - October 04, 2016 at 06:20 AM

DD

*Cecil has sat in front of me at Gator Football games which he loved and after about 25 years he will be missed very much. My Prayers go out to the family.*

**David Dehner** - October 04, 2016 at 10:06 AM

BM

*We have been friends with Cecil and Arlis for over thirty years, sharing many adventures, usually involving Old Fords, ranging from Alaska to England and many States in between. We normally met for dinner on Friday evenings. I spoke with him the Friday before his seizure and we decided not to meet that evening, assuming we would have another opportunity. I will always regret that we didn't make the effort to have that last dinner together. Our prayers are with Arlis and the family.*

**Bill & Clo Morris** - October 04, 2016 at 11:06 AM

KS

*I met Cecil 33 years ago. He was always a kind and gentle man who was admired by all. He was a lifelong gator fan and was kind to this volunteer fan. He will be missed by all who knew him.*

**Keith Smelser** - October 04, 2016 at 11:29 AM