



Raymond Earl Godwin

February 19, 1942 - August 11, 2017

Ramond “Earl” Godwin, 75, of Orlando, FL lost his battle with cancer and died peacefully on August 11, 2017. Earl was born and raised in Orlando, Florida to parents Elmer & Mary Godwin. He experienced all the growth of Orlando from orange groves, dirt roads and favorite swimming holes to the mega metropolis of today.

His career spanned 42 years combining engineering, development and design all for Sardee Industries of Orlando, and retiring from there as General Manager.

An avid motorcycle owner, rider and builder he was a member of Harley Owners Group of Orlando and proudly rode over 1 million miles in his lifetime.

As the saying goes – “I’m a cowboy on a steel horse I ride”. Earl had another passion his real horse, Cherokee, with whom he rode as part of the Orange County Mounted Posse division as a deputy sheriff back in the 60’s catching cattle poachers on the St. John’s River areas. Complete with badge, Stetson hat and weapon (I think he kept the bullets in his pocket) he rode with the Sheriff’s Department for about two years when his family suggested he not quit his day job.

His love of designing and creating did not stop with motorcyces. He also built a luxury 1933 Duesenberg Kit Car, which was a favorite sight out front of Rosie

O' Grady's Church Street Station in the mid 70's.

His jovial sense of humor, friendly personality, combined with his love of life, will be remembered by all who knew him. He is survived by son Mike Godwin (Susan), daughter Michelle Flint, 4 grandchildren, 1 great grandchild, and sister Marsha Southcot, brother Ronnie Godwin and beloved fiancée' Caroline Farnham.

A Memorial Service will be held on Saturday, September 16, 2017 from 2:00-5:00 PM at Central Parkway Baptist Church located at 5281 Central Florida Parkway, Orlando 32821, www.cpbcorlando.com.

In lieu of flowers please make a donation to Shriners Hospitals for Children: <https://www.shrinershospitalsforchildren.org/>

Tribute Wall



“ Thinking a lot about you today. I know you are dancing with the angels and happy. Love you, brother.

Ronnie Godwin Sr. - May 04, 2022 at 07:02 PM



“ Michelle Flint sent a virtual gift in memory of Raymond Earl Godwin



Michelle Flint - March 08, 2019 at 04:21 PM



“ Michelle Flint lit a candle in memory of Raymond Earl Godwin

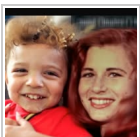


Michelle Flint - March 08, 2019 at 04:20 PM

AN

Hi do you have any pictures or information about Billy Shy

ANdrew - November 11, 2020 at 12:14 PM



“ Missing you Dad, Mom just passed away March 6. It's going to be so hard without you both. I know y'all are with me all the time now. I love you and mom so much....

Michelle Flint - March 08, 2019 at 04:07 PM

RG

“ Dear Brother I love and miss you a lot . Although we wasn't real close most of our lives I feel we did love each other . I will see you again one day and we will all be happy . I love you .

Ronnie godwin - February 11, 2018 at 06:53 PM

AN

Hi do you Know anything about Billy Shy?

ANDrew - November 11, 2020 at 12:18 PM



“ I miss you so much Dad, it's been so hard not hearing your voice! I was waiting for that call from you saying hohoho God I miss you. I miss banging the pots and pans at midnight new yrs. I love you so much and miss you even more. Your little girl Meshell your bell.

Michelle Flint - January 12, 2018 at 07:15 PM



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Michelle Flint - January 12, 2018 at 06:27 PM



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Michelle Flint - January 12, 2018 at 06:25 PM

SA

“ Although it has been 4 months since Earl has been gone, I just found out and want to say how sorry I am that "Clark Gable" will no longer be working at Visit Orlando. That is what I called him when I saw him.

Sarah - December 05, 2017 at 01:08 PM

JM

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Janice Menke - September 16, 2017 at 11:35 AM

CD

“ Thinking of you. Many blessing

Clarissa DeLong - September 01, 2017 at 07:03 PM



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DeGusipe Funeral Home & Crematory - September 01, 2017 at 08:17 AM

SG

*John & I moved next door to Earl & Caroline, some 12 years ago, what nice neighbors, we were so lucky to have. Earl loved his Harley motor bike, he happily showed my gran sons as well as taking us for a ride in early days. I would stand in our garage & watch Earl & Caroline leave with their friends on their Harley, they were always perfectly outfitted matching in Harley suits, boots, jackets & helmets. They looked super great, I just loved to look at them leave. Toby is a special dog, Earl loved Toby as a child. When I looked after Toby, he would sit & just look for Earl or Caroline. What a treat to look at him. ❤️
RIP Earl, Caroline will miss you & so will we. 🙏*

Sandra & John Goddard - September 01, 2017 at 02:32 PM

CF

“ *Remembering Raymond "Earl", a man large of spirit and stature, yet a kind and gentle soul. Never do I recall him to utter a mean or vindictive word, always a calming presence with a wry sense of humor, and a perfect loving partner to Caroline, my dear sister. Though Earl has been called to be with the Lord, he will be sorely missed here on earth.
With prayers and love, "Omar" Chris*

Chris Fitzgerald - August 31, 2017 at 04:56 PM

CT

“ I will miss Earl, we worked together at Visit Orlando and Century Security & staffing. Earl was a trip in that he liked his chocolate candy and had so many sayings. We worked the Orgill event in the repro center and his machine kept jamming, I had to laugh as he was on his knees with his special tool (metal clothes hanger) retrieving the jammed paper from the back of the machine. Working in the repro center had its perks, good coffee, ice cream and they kept the Staff snacks in our room! I will miss these times.

Carl Thilburg - August 23, 2017 at 10:31 AM

MF

Thank you of the memories of me dad!

michelle flint - September 01, 2017 at 08:43 AM

DH

“ It was such a pleasure knowing Earl, we always had such fun and plenty of laughter. Although, we live 4000 miles away when ever we visited Orlando, Caroline and Earl would always invite us into their home and made us feel so welcome.

'Caroline... I am sure that Earl is looking down from heaven and giving those Angels a run for their money. I only hope none of them like their steak well done'..

Deborah Hollands - August 22, 2017 at 08:48 AM

CE

“ Carolyn, please take a big hug from me.

Carole Engle - August 21, 2017 at 11:05 AM

CE

“ I will always remember his dry sense of humor. Visit Orlando convention assignments w/Earl were made more enjoyable.

Carole Engle - August 21, 2017 at 11:03 AM

James Edwards

“ You will be missed mr. earl.best neighbor and friend anyone could have.



James Edwards - August 21, 2017 at 11:02 AM

JB

“ After Meeting Earl Godwin and knowing my friend Caroline since early childhood, I immediately Knew that these two souls were born for each other. My life overlapped there's during visits to Orlando for family visits so my husband Steve and I would always get together with Caroline & Earl. Earl had an exquisite sense of humor which coincidentally matched Caroline's to a tee. My heart breaks now but in the long run I'm grateful to have known him and to know they shared lots of fun and happy times together. Little Toby and Caroline will carry on together till they all meet again.... Jane & Steve Barnum

Jane Barnum - August 21, 2017 at 10:13 AM

MA

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marsha - August 19, 2017 at 06:50 PM

PP

“ *Earl was a great person and much fun to work with I will miss him a lot. My condolences to Caroline and the rest of the family. You were one of a kind my friend. Love Pat P.*

Patricia Pepon - August 19, 2017 at 05:55 PM

LE

“ *Thoughts and prayers are with you Caroline, and the family. Lea & Bob*

Lea - August 19, 2017 at 02:10 PM

MA

“ *Bubby, you suffer no more!! We will miss you!! What a life you have had!!! I think you would have slept with your motorcycle 🏍️ if you could have. You get to see daddy, momma, Lynda and be at peace. I love you and all the crazy funny things we did, ❤️❤️ Baby sister*

marsha - August 19, 2017 at 10:13 AM

NC

“ *Mr. Earl was a delight! As a neighbor, I would frequently walk by his house while walking my dogs, Max & Tootsie & Little Girl. Earl was often tinkering in his garage; he never hesitated to come out and say Hi and allow Toby a little sniff session with my dogs. He said he was looking for a girlfriend for Toby! One of the cutest memories I have of Earl is seeing him ride down the street on his Harley motorcycle with Toby in tow all decked out with their matching Harley sunglasses and matching Harley leather jackets on. He loved his puppy dog and he loved his Caroline! R.I.P. Mr. Earl! You gave a lot of joy to a lot of people! God's blessings to Caroline and your family!*

Nancy & Don Collins - August 19, 2017 at 08:56 AM

MF

“ *Michelle Flint lit a candle in memory of Raymond Earl Godwin*



michelle flint - August 19, 2017 at 12:32 AM

CW

“ *I have a lot of memories of my dear cousin. Anytime he drove his motorcycle over to Daytona to see us, Earl would always bring his motorcycle inside our house. My mom would let him and he knew it! He was so very special to my mom, his Aunt Ann. Lots of wonderful memories of our family get togethers. Rest In Peace Earl no more pain. Be waiting for all of us at the Pearly Gates. Love you Cuz.....*

Carol Walker - August 18, 2017 at 10:15 PM

MA

“ Rest in heaven Bubby, mamas probably made you butter beans and corn bread. We will miss you. Tell Lynda , daddy, mama hello. Oh Nannie too, love you, baby sister ❤️❤️

Marsha - August 18, 2017 at 08:11 PM



“ Lets start by saying my father was a perfectionist! Being a perfectionists son was not easy, I made many mistakes in life but dad always set me straight. I remember at a very young age dad teaching me how to spell my name, build show cars, how to ride a motorcycle, and drive a car, then just before his passing he taught me how to safely hold a gun. These memories will be with me forever. Heaven must be very proud to open the gates to such a wonderful man. Dad we will love you forever and you will never be forgotten.

Michael Godwin - August 18, 2017 at 06:46 PM

MG

“ Let's start out by saying my father was a perfectionist. He loved his family with all his heart. He enjoyed meeting people, and showing of his toys. I remember from a young age my father teaching me how to spell my name and before his passing teaching me how to safely handle a gun. Dad we will love you forever, you will never be forgotten. Heaven must be very proud to open the gates for such a wonderful man.

Michael godwin - August 18, 2017 at 05:09 PM

CA

“ Ride safely with the angels, my love until we meet again and ride the Blue Ridge Mountains together. All my love, Caroline

Caroline - August 18, 2017 at 12:05 PM

NC

The Blue Ridge Mountains are Oh, so beautiful! What a pleasant memory you will always have of the good times in one of the most beautiful places on earth!

Nancy & Don Collins - August 19, 2017 at 09:11 AM

DH

Earl made my friend Caroline a happy and fulfilled person to which made him very special to me. He was on this earth to bring joy and happiness and will be greatly missed.

DeeDee Haberle - August 19, 2017 at 08:13 PM

SU

I did not have the pleasure of meeting Earl, I got a glimpse of him in reading his obituary. Thank you. I will be here for you whenever you want to talk. God will be there for you always. Love Susan

susan - August 21, 2017 at 06:32 AM

CK

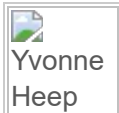
Mr. Earl brought much sunshine and smiles to all. He always had a fun story to share and would be there to help you out. Earl, we your Petunia Ln. Family, will be here for your angel on earth, Caroline and your precious Toby. I will always remember your shiny bikes, your shiny cars and the ever present shiny, bright YOU. Soar high and keep revving that Harley Motor. Rest in Peace, dear friend.

Chris Klingbeil - August 21, 2017 at 08:46 AM



To the Godwin family and dear Caroline, my deepest condolences. Lou

Lou Gallin - August 21, 2017 at 06:04 PM



Thoughts and prayers to Caroline and the Godwin family.

Yvonne Heep - August 25, 2017 at 08:35 AM

SW

Caroline, I just heard of Earl's passing at Surf Expo. When I think of Earl, I remember that he would tease us unmercifully with that glint in his eye, making the long convention days a little easier. He has been and will continue to be missed. We missed you at Sport Fishing this year too. Blessings to you.

Sue Wunderlich - September 07, 2017 at 06:35 PM