



## Riggs Thomas Gay

April 12, 1953 - August 9, 2025

At the age of 72, Riggs T. Gay passed away peacefully on August 9, 2025.

Born in Fairbanks, Alaska, to John and Mattie Gay, Riggs grew up with a deep sense of duty and service. He graduated from the University of Central Florida with a degree in Criminal Justice and went on to dedicate his life to law enforcement. Over the course of his distinguished career, he served as a homicide detective and sergeant, earning the respect of his colleagues and community alike.

Before joining the Sheriff's Office, Riggs brought joy to countless visitors as a monorail and submarine driver at Disney. His love for people, paired with his quick wit, made him a natural in every role he embraced.

Riggs shared 38 wonderful years of marriage with his wife, Jill, and together they raised three children—Victoria Gay, Megan Lawrie (Gay), and John Gay—who were the pride of his life. A devoted husband, father, and friend, Riggs was also a lifelong Dallas Cowboys fan, never missing a chance to cheer them on.

A Celebration of Life will be held on August 23, 2025, from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at DeGusipe Funeral Home 9001 N Orlando Ave. Maitland, FL 32751. In lieu of flowers, the family kindly requests donations be made to either the

Orange County Sheriff Foundation LLC or St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

# Previous Events

## Gathering of Family and Friends

AUG 23. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

DeGusipe Funeral Home & Crematory  
9001 N. Orlando Avenue  
Maitland, FL 32751  
<https://www.facebook.com/DeGusipeFH/>

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# Tribute Wall

LF

“ Love, Your Cortland Family purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Riggs Thomas Gay.



Love, Your Cortland Family - August 22, 2025 at 11:23 AM

AD

“ Riggs was a very Special Friend, Co-Worker and I will greatly miss him.



Alesia Dobson - August 17, 2025 at 08:29 PM

DS

“ Dan Sells lit a candle in memory of Riggs Gay



Dan Sells - August 12, 2025 at 03:15 PM

DP

“ Diane Payne purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Riggs Thomas Gay.



Diane Payne - August 12, 2025 at 08:23 AM