



Mr. Larry J. Gaddis

February 28, 1955 - August 26, 2022

Obituary

Chief Hospital Corpsman Larry Joe Gaddis (HMC) of the United States Navy was born February 28th , 1955, in Tishomingo, Oklahoma and passed away on August 26th , 2022, in Grandview, Missouri. He was born to the loving parents of Joseph Jasper Gaddis Jr. and Lula Mae Gaddis.

After the passing of his late father in 1965, Larry along with his mother and two sister's Lovie Jean Duncan and Sharon Irene Gaddis moved to Kansas City, Missouri from Paul's Valley, Oklahoma.

Larry attended Central High School and graduated from Kansas City Missouri Public school.

Larry and his dear childhood friend Ricky Reece were wondering what the next step in their young adult lives would be and decided to join the Navy on a whim on November 29th, 1976. That swift decision turned into a journey of a lifetime. During his time in the Navy, he trained and developed numerous comrades.

Larry traveled the world while in the U.S. Navy. A few places he served during his time in the Navy was Okinawa, Japan, Buford, South Carolina and San Diego, California.

Larry spent time serving at the Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton in Oceanside, California. He received countless awards. Some of the achievements he received throughout the years of service was the Chief Petty Officer Creed and obtained the rank as Chief Hospital Corpsman. After serving over 20 years in the Navy, he retired back home to Kansas City, Missouri on November 30th, 2000.

Larry was the life of every party; he lit up the room with his infectious personality. He was very charming and loved looking fly with his signature gold rings. In his down time, Larry enjoyed reading a good book, watching Kansas City Chief's games, hanging out with his buddies and his beloved cat Blue.

Larry is preceded in death by his precious infant daughter and parents.

Larry leaves his legacy to be cherished by his loving sons Larry Joe Smith (Kansas City, Mo), Marcus Green (Brooklyn, New York), and Larelle Jenkins-Gaddis (Jacksonville, Florida). Grandchildren Larry Smith III and Larrionna Smith. Sisters Lovie Jean Duncan, Sharon Irene Gaddis, Mary Joe Hopgood and a host of nieces and nephews that he loved to pieces. Good quote to add to obituary: "God has sent His Son to Earth to save us from our sins, to lead us and guide us. He is our Captain, who will steer our ship into calm, still waters."

Funeral Service will be held Friday, September 9, 2022, 11:00am at Linwood Chapel. Interment Parklawn Cemetery. Visitation will be from 9am-11am at the chapel. Service conducted by Lawrence A. Jones & Sons Funeral Chapel. Condolences may be shared on our website.

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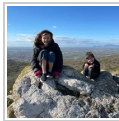
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Tribute Wall



“ I was stationed at Naval Medical Center San Diego with Chief Gaddis. He was one of the coolest soldiers I ever met. The way he carried himself demanded respect. He was also very easy to talk to, and I would often stop in his office just to discuss life. Rest well my fellow comrade. You will never be forgotten. ----Miranda W

Miranda Welch - May 05, 2025 at 08:05 AM



I was profoundly impacted by Chief Gaddis's incredible leadership acumen. I was an E-4 at Naval Medical Center San Diego 1993-1995 and he was my Chief. Moreso than anyone else except my own father he fostered my growth into the man and leader I am today. I am now a senior ranking medical officer with nearly 30 years of service and I often quote him and share the impactful lessons he taught me when I am talking to my young enlisted Sailors and Junior Officers. I was just trying to find him to get in contact with him so I could invite him to my upcoming promotion ceremony when I discovered his obituary. I am so sad I missed an opportunity to tell him and show him the impact he had on me. I hope his family and friends see this so they can at least know.

Matt Bidlack - May 02 at 07:53 PM

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“ A Memorial Tree was planted for Mr. Larry J. Gaddis
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“ A Memorial tree was ordered in memory of Mr. Larry J. Gaddis.
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May 25, 2023 at 11:32 AM

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“ Tradition and splendor was purchased for the family of Mr. Larry J. Gaddis by Neil Wilson and Family (Highgrove Rentals) . Send FlowersOur thoughts and prayers are with you and your family .Neil Wilson and Family (Highgrove Rentals)

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“ Structured design in red and white was purchased for the family of Mr. Larry J. Gaddis by Aunt Bettye and Family. Send FlowersThe Lord bless thee and keep thee. The Lord lift up his countenance upon thee and give thee peace.Aunt Bettye and Family

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“ Dignity in white pedestal arrangement was purchased for the family of Mr. Larry J. Gaddis by Michael Johnson. Send FlowersTo our brother Larry. Rest in peace.from Regina, Rita, and Michael JohnsonMichael Johnson

Michael Johnson - May 25, 2023 at 11:32 AM

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“ I met Larry in 1982 in Okinawa. Words cannot express the void you left in my heart.The memories and love we shared will never die.I know that you are at peace and pain free now.You are forever my greatest inspiration.

Pat - September 03, 2022 at 01:51 PM