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Donald Gary Lukacovic of Lehigh Acres, Florida passed away peacefully with his loving family by his side following a recent illness. He was 60 years old. Donald was born on February 20, 1954 in White Plains, New York, the proud son of Helen (Anderson) and Nicholas Lukacovic. He was married to the love of his life Rosemary (Dahlgren) and together they raised four wonderful children. Donald spent his entire career working in public safety throughout Lee County first as a Volunteer Firefighter with the Cape Coral Fire Department and subsequently as an Emergency Medical Technician for Lee County. He later transferred to the Lee County Sheriff's Office where he was first employed as a Deputy at the beginning of his twenty year career before retirement as a Sergeant. He was well respected by his colleagues in law enforcement and well liked by the many people he aided over the years. He carried the motto of the Lee County Sheriff's Office throughout his life as he was truly someone who was "Proud to Serve." He leaves to cherish his loving memory his wife Rosemary, his children Heather Lukacovic, Robert Lukacovic, Nicole Henson (Dave) and Dawn Shemet (Arthur) of Interlachen, Florida; his grandchildren David Owens, Alexander Shemet; Cassy Henson and Nicole Archibald; his sisters Grace Maureen Firmes of Cape Coral and Gail Lukacovic of Austintown, Ohio. He also leaves behind a number of extended family, many friends and numerous fellow officers and staff from the Lee County Sheriff's Office who will greatly miss his company. Sadly, he was preceded in death by his parents Nicholas and Helen and by his brothers Nicholas Jr., John and Robert. A Visitation will be held from 1:00-3:00 PM on Saturday, December 20, 2014 in the Chapel at Fort Myers Memorial Gardens Funeral Home, 1589 Colonial Boulevard, Fort Myers, Florida 33907, (239) 936-0555. A Memorial Service will thereafter be celebrated at 3:00 PM also in the Chapel. Donald's urn will be placed in its final resting place at adjacent Memorial Gardens Cemetery in a separate graveside service that will take place at a



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later date. Further details will be provided on the graveside service as they become available. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that you instead consider a donation in Donald's honor to Hope Hospice, 9470 HealthPark Circle, Fort Myers, Florida 33908, (239) 482-4673 or on the internet at: www.hopehcs.com Those who wish to leave a tribute for Donald or offer condolences to the family at this difficult time are urged to visit his memorial webpage at www.fortmyersmemorial.com and sign the guestbook.



Tribute Wall

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MB

Mark R. Bess posted:

Lit a candle in memory of Donald Gary Lukacovic

December 20 at 3:38 PM

LW

Lyn Willemse posted:

Our thoughts and love are with you during this difficult time...I can still remember Donnie in the kitchen in North White Plains when he was probably 5 or 6 such a cute little boy...and always so gentle and smiling when we'd see him at family events during our visits to Fl. Our love to you and your family, Lyn and Bert

December 19 at 5:26 PM

MS

Martha Stevenson posted:

Many prayers, hugs, tears and love are here for you. Much love, Martha

December 19 at 3:58 PM

JE

Jeannie posted:

I am so sorry to hear this, God bless you all and help you though this tough time. Sending Hugs and prayers. Jeannie & Donnie Castillo

December 19 at 11:01 AM

VF

Vicki Fewell posted:

I began at the Sheriff's Office in Oct. 1982 in Communications. Five months later my brother was killed in the line of duty and Donnie reached out to me and assured me that although my big brother had been taken away from me, I had an entire agency of big brothers that would always be there for me. I hope he knows how much I appreciated that and all the times the "Gentle Giant" was there to help me with any issues I might have. RIP Bro!

December 19 at 10:03 AM

LM

Larry C. Miller posted:

RIP Big Man, Lots of people will miss you. Major Larry C. Miller LCSO retired

December 19 at 9:30 AM



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JM

Jim Myers posted:

Donnie and I go back to 1972-1974 where we worked together at the Lee County Ambulance Service, as it was known at the time. There were few of us and we worked our 24 hour shifts out of a house behind the old Dairy Queen and then the old Children's Home in Page Field. When you work with someone running all types of calls and also live with them during your shift you get to know them quite well. I remember when we would sometimes find ourselves in a hostile environment Donnie was the one you wanted with you. Something about his size and demeanor seemed to calm things right down!! I left and went to college and got out of touch with Donnie, while my wife, Ann (Uzzell) Myers worked with Donnie at the Sheriff's Office. All three of us retired from a career in law enforcement. We both will forever have fond memories of Donnie Lukacovic! Out thoughts and prayers go out to his family and many friends that will miss him deeply! Jim & Ann(Uzzell) Myers

December 19 at 5:48 AM

GF

Goldie Fell posted:

Rosemary..I am saddened to hear about Don, may your loving memories help you heal and know that I'll keep you and the kids in my prayers. It's been a long time since we've seen each other, much love to you! Goldie

December 19 at 5:12 AM

JG

James Greim posted:

When I was a teenager and part of a group of freinds of Dawn...I was the only male he apparently liked because I made it well known that I had zero intrest in Dawn except freindship... I think it wad also because itook the time to include Nikki, Heather (yes I still wear a cup thanks to your "greeting") and David in my interactions with Dawn...over the 20 years of my freindsh...no they aren't freinds..the Lukacovic's are family...he was always a straight shooter and if you EVER heard the words "you I like" come out of his mouth you knew you were a "made man""Dad" always gave me the one thing I know he didn't give lightly...his respect...to this day I value getting that from him more than I do most material things... I will forever cherish the talks we had and the resilience he showed after his stroke...I love you "Dad"...till we meet again

December 18 at 6:13 PM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Donald by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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