



## Mr. Roy Lee Grimes Sr.

May 19, 1953 - May 23, 2020

Roy Lee Grimes, 67, of Monticello, Florida, passed away on Saturday, May 23, 2020, at the Big Bend Hospice House.

A son of the late Leroy and Alice Lucille Arnold Grimes, he was born in Rising Sun, Maryland on May 19, 1953, but grew up in the Sarasota, Florida area. In addition to his parents, he is also preceded in death by a brother, Carl Grimes.

He was a heavy equipment operator, working in land clearing. He was well known throughout central Florida as a talented race car driver and swamp buggy racer. In addition to his racing, he enjoyed air boating, hunting and fishing.

His memories will be cherished by his faithful and loving companion of over 37 years, Donna Catalano; children, Roy Lee Grimes, Jr. (wife, Sherrie), Marcy Lorraine Grimes, Eric Wayne Grimes, James William Ferrell (fiancé, Kelli Coffey) and Anthony Thomas Grimes (wife, Monica); grandchildren, Joseph Brock Grimes, Christina Hay, Brandon Walker, Adrian Davis, Alora Davis, Alana Davis and Korey Ferrell; great-grandchildren, Kaylee Smith and Nicholas Smith; siblings, Jerry Wilson, Sandy Lydecker, Mary Arndt and William Grimes; as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

The family will have a celebration of life at a later time. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Big Bend Hospice. Online condolences may be expressed at [www.abbeyfh.com](http://www.abbeyfh.com).

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Christi Crane-Amores - June 14 at 07:08 AM

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Christi Crane-Amores - June 13 at 08:56 AM

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“ Prayers for the family during this time of sadness. Remembering Roy and the good old Racing days with lots of fun and good friends. A big man with a gentle heart and loved by many. We will all see each other again one day. Love you and will miss you.



Diane and Johnnie - June 09 at 09:18 AM

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“ It's so hard for me to believe that you are gone. We had so much more we planned to do together. I still tell you good morning when I walk past the dining room table. I can still see you there drinking your coffee. Every time the phone rings, I hope its you on the other end calling to say "What ya doin?" or calling me to ask me "What do you want for supper tonight?" I never really got to tell you how much I loved you and appreciated you for taking such good care of me after my accident. You were there for me every day, and you always made sure I had everything, and anything I needed. Right up till the day you checked into the hospital that last time. I know you were tired of the battle. Of the procedures 2-3 times every week. You are a lot braver then me or anyone else I know, and put up one hell of a fight. You're back with your family in Heaven now. No more pain, no more struggling to breath, and no more getting poked with needles several times a week. It's been just over 2 weeks, and I miss you so much. My heart is so heavy with sadness, but I know that you are finally at rest and whole again. I know I will think of you every day for the rest of my life. I love you, and I know that you loved me. I'll see you again one day my love, but until then, you will always be in my heart.

Donna Catalano - June 08 at 08:27 PM

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“ Larger than life & fierce as a bear.  
Roy always said " I love you" & "if you need me be I'll be there" and I knew he meant it. Thank you for be there in my journey through cancer. I will miss your support and friendship but I have over 20 years worth of memories.You will be missed dearly by those who knew and loved you. Take care of Donna as you sit in peace with our Lord.



Karla Voorhees - June 08 at 07:32 PM

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“ My condolences to the family. May God hold you close during this difficult time. Roy was a great friend 60 years. He loved his racing and was great at it. He loved his family above everything. He was quite a character. Going to miss talking with him. RIP Roy.

Linda Nerone - June 08 at 07:31 PM

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Donna Catalano - June 08 at 06:58 PM



“ Rip, Your memory will be forever in our minds and hearts Fly high on that air boat, await for the reunion of the family. Until we meet again. Thank you for being the best father-in-law..

Sherrie - June 08 at 08:51 PM



“ Sorry for your lose. It's so hard to give to God what you loved so much.

phyllis Bodiker - June 08 at 10:23 PM



“ When the phone rings I wish you were on the other end...but I know it can not be. You would call and say," Hey Mom, how are you and dad doing?" Always checking up on us. I'll miss your silly little grin too! Thank you for taking such good care of Donna when she needed it the most. Yes, you will be missed. love Mom & Dad

Loretta Catalano - June 09 at 04:27 PM



“ When the phone rings I wish it were you saying "Hey Mom, how are you and Dad doing today?" But I know that cannot be. I will miss that silly little smile you always had. Tony has that same smile at times. Thank you for taking such good care of Donna when she needed you the most after her accident. There are so many things I want to thank you for...so when I see you again I'll tell you. Until then rest in peace . love Mom & Dad

Loretta Catalano - June 10 at 10:01 AM



“ Donna,  
We are so sorry for your loss. We know Roy fought a long battle against his illness and your skill, patience and loving care surely helped extend his life. He left too soon and will be greatly missed. You and Roy have always been wonderful neighbors, and we are so thankful that you will still be close by. You and the rest of your family are in our thoughts and prayers. We are here for you.

With love,  
Ronny and Delores Green

Delores Green - June 11 at 08:56 PM