



Edward Gaither

May 4, 2015

EDWARD GAITHER: November 1, 1934 to May 4, 2015

Edward Gaither was born in Smithville, TN on November 1, 1934. He served in the United States Marine Corp as a Military Police Officer and was honorably discharged in 1954. With the assistance provided through the GI Bill he graduated from St. Mary's University in San Antonio, Texas with a Bachelor of Science degree. In 1970 he became a Certified Public Accountant holding Texas certificate # 9794. Ed retired in 1992 after thirty years with Kirby Industries, Inc. and serving as the Vice-president, Secretary, Treasurer of Dixie Carriers, Inc. (a wholly owned marine transportation subsidiary) for the final phase of his career.

Ed was preceded in death by his father, Ellis Clark Gaither and his mother, Edie (Edith) Kennedy Gaither Evans. Also preceding him were his brothers, Doyle and Ellis (Junior) Gaither and sister, Pauline Lowery. Ed has two surviving siblings; sister, Dorothy Gilley, Livonia, MI and brother, Jim Gaither and his wife Kaye, Corbin KY.

Ed is also survived by his wife of 41 years, Elizabeth (Betsy) Gaither. Children are Carolyn Lacy Brannon, Regina Elizabeth Kirkpatrick, Debra Lynn Cook and Shannon Anderson and his wife Cher. The grandchildren are Robert & Russell Kirkpatrick, Albert & Colt Lovett, and Ross T. Anderson. Niece, Renee'

Keel and her husband, David are deemed close family as is Terry Lovett.

A private family memorial will be held at a later date.

In loving memory of Ed, his family will be making a gift to the:

Christopher & Dana Reeve Foundation (For Spinal Cord Injury Research)

636 Morris Turnpike, Suite 3A

Short Hills, NJ 07078

www.christopherreeve.org

Those wishing to remember Ed (the "Little Corporal" and one of Dixie's Ancient Mariners) may do so by donating to the charity of their choice.

Tribute Wall

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“ Jay and I dearly loved Ed who through business became a great friend. God will surely have a place at His Board Room table for Ed next to Jay. Ed's truck on the ranch was the first truck i ever drove as we went to the only Chinese restaurant in town. I

joan loader - August 08, 2018 at 12:00 AM

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“ Although I met Mr. Ed only a few times, and didn't know most of his family, I considered him to be a good husband, a good man and a great step dad to Shannon. My sympathy to Betsy, Shannon, his other family members and friends for your lost and know he wil

aunt Joan - August 08, 2018 at 12:00 AM

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“ Bob Roush lit a candle in memory of Edward Gaither



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