



Raymond Albert Gideon

December 31, 1940 - February 3, 2024

Raymond Albert Gideon, age 83 of LaFayette, went home to be with the Lord on Saturday, February 3, 2024. He was born to the late John Harrison Gideon Sr. and Irene Carmon Gideon in LaFayette, was a lifelong resident of LaFayette and was of the Protestant faith. Raymond served his country in the U.S. Army, during the Vietnam War, with the 173rd Airborne and retired in 2011 after more than 50 years in Law Enforcement, serving the communities of Walker County, Fort Oglethorpe, Chattooga County, and Lookout Mountain. Raymond was a 1977 graduate of the FBI Academy, in Quantico, was a member of the LaFayette Jaycees, member of the FBI NA, lifetime member of the Georgia State FBI NA, was a member of Georgia Peace Officer Association, and was a board member of the Georgia Sheriffs' Cherokee Estate youth home. Raymond was also the owner/operator of a Private Security Agency for 10 years and was a loving husband, father, grandfather, brother, uncle and friend who will be greatly missed. He was also preceded in death by his brother, John Gideon, Jr. Raymond is survived by his loving wife, of 60 years, Edna Bryant Gideon; sons and daughters-in-law, Andy and Evelyn Gideon of Lafayette and Branden and Jenna Gideon of Chickamauga; sisters, Angel Drewett and Edith Mae Hartline, both of Lafayette; sister-in-law, Barbara Bryant of LaFayette; grandchildren, Brandon Hegwood, Rachelle (Chris) Anderson, Brody Hentz, Maylee Wooten, and Adelle Wooten; great grandchildren, Hayden Highfield, Noah McMurray and Ellie Drake Anderson; nieces, Tammy (Wayne) Ware, Angie Bryant (Eddie) Wallace, Angel (Chris)

Dover; nephews, R.J. Whaley, Dale (Robin) Bryant, Gregory Hill, Branden Yoder, and Bentley Yoder; and special friend, Sandra Reeves. The funeral service will be held at 11:00 am on Thursday, February 8, 2024 in the funeral home chapel, with Pastor Neal Brown and Pastor Jimmy Powell officiating. Interment will follow in the Chattanooga National Cemetery. The family will receive friends from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm and 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm on Wednesday and prior to the service on Thursday. In lieu of flowers the family request memorial contributions be made to the Georgia Sheriffs' Cherokee Estate youth home at www.georgiasheriffsyouth.org. Condolences may be left at www.wilsonfuneralhome.com. Arrangements by Wilson Funeral Home
Wilson Funeral Home Ft. Oglethorpe Ga.

Cemetery Details

Chattanooga National Cemetery

Holtzclaw Ave.
Chattanooga, TN

Tribute Wall

JH

“ I remember Raymond fondly @ LHS. He was a couple of years older. Good guy. RIP Raymond.

Joe Hall - April 10, 2024 at 03:28 PM

LR

“ One of the best friends I have ever had. Worked with him at Ft Ogle Police Dept. and also worked some with him at Lake Winnie, Security, have know him since I was 16 years old when he use to come and sit with my parents talking. Loved him very much

Linda Robinson - February 15, 2024 at 04:11 PM

CC

“ I went all through school in LaFayette with Raymond. Fortune Grammar and LHS. He was good friend and superb law enforcement officer.
All who knew him will miss him. May he Rest In Peace and his memory live on.

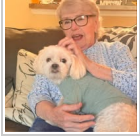
Charles Clowdis - February 10, 2024 at 11:53 AM

DK

“ D. Keith lit a candle in memory of Raymond Albert Gideon



D. Keith - February 08, 2024 at 09:21 AM



“ *Rest in peace my friend.*

Linda Bell - February 07, 2024 at 05:49 PM

SA

“ *We voted for Raymond in his run for Walker County sheriff many years ago. He was deserving of and would have been great as the county's top law enforcement officer. The citizens of Walker County missed out on a really GOOD man for that position.*



Steve & Debbie Atcheson - February 07, 2024 at 02:14 PM

CE

“ *Cherokee Estate purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Raymond Albert Gideon.*



Cherokee Estate - February 07, 2024 at 12:02 PM

AC

“ *I worked with Raymond for over 7 years at Fort Oglethorpe Police Dept and he was a true friend and an amazing police officer. I loved him so much and we became great friends, he will be deeply missed. This news breaks my heart for his family and all who knew and loved him as I did. I will have you all in my thoughts and prayers, and I am so deeply sorry for your loss. Big hugs to all and Edna if there is anything at all you need or that I can do please don't hesitate to contact me.*

Amanda Bryson Crabtree - February 06, 2024 at 09:35 PM

DS

I worked for Raymond at his security agency for several years. He always had my back he was easy to talk to about things on the job that were concerning. I also worked at Lake Winnie for him. It breaks my heart to hear of his loss. Raymond was a family man and loved his sweet wife and kids. He served his community Well. He and Edna became close friends of mine i will keep you all in my prayers and if you need anything dont hesitate to contact me. Love and Prayers

Denise Shields - February 07, 2024 at 09:40 AM

DS

“ I have known Raymond my whole life, Raymond and Edna were friends of my parents John and Joyce Allen. I know he not only served his country but he continued to serve the citizens being a honorable Police Officer. Henry and I have Edna and family in our prayers.

Dawn & Henry Saylor - February 06, 2024 at 07:46 PM

WN

“ raymond was a good friend for years he was a great law enforcement officer i highly respected him may he rip a true officer of the law !!!!!!!

walt norman - February 06, 2024 at 10:38 AM

JH

Raymond was my middle school and Jr high football coach; I work with him for ma years years at Fort-O P.D. he was a great and giving guy. The thing I remember most about Raymond was how he was always giving someone something. He would just walk up to you and "you like this." Then he would just give it to you. Anyone who worked nights with Raymond and ate at Waffle House with him remembers his plate of "green stuff," after he mixed his eunny eggs, grits, and grape jelly together. Loved Raymond and will miss him

Jeff Holcomb - February 06, 2024 at 06:57 PM

JC

“ I am saddened to hear about the passing of Bro. Raymond. He served our country & county as well. He was a man who was dedicated to being the best at whatever he set out to accomplish. I will always cherish the many times I have been with him over the years. Even though his health the last few years wasn't the best he never gave up. He and his wife are a blessing to me. I will miss getting a Thanksgiving - Christmas letter he would give me for the holidays. My thoughts and prayers are with his family and many friends he leaves behind.
James Helton, Gateway Baptist Church



James Helton, Gateway Baptist Church - February 06, 2024 at 12:38 AM

CC

“ Raymond and Sheriff Millard hired me at WCSO in 1992. He was a very professional and outstanding man that was my mentor, but my best friend ! Always fair and understanding! God bless this family. Raymond will truly be missed... ,Caroline Cobb Walker 24 retired!

Caroline Cobb - February 05, 2024 at 05:57 PM

JW

“ Oh Man... what a legacy! He was my first Major at the Sheriff Department, and truly a friend, and mentor.

Rest In Peace, Raymond!! You won't be forgotten by me!


Jay Westmoreland - February 05, 2024 at 03:47 PM

CH

“ Mr. Gideon was always true southern gentleman and an American Hero. Thank you for your service.

Chris Harris - February 05, 2024 at 02:43 PM

LB

“ I have so many memories of Raymond... as a child growing up and seeing him at Aunt Irene and Cowboy's zI always saw my cousin as being strong bodied and strong minded  .

He proved to be as stubborn as he needed to be... I always looked up to him. He gave strong advice and even stronger hugs all with that smile he would give you . Love still exists from this earth to heaven above. Love you dearly cousin

LaWanda Burris - February 05, 2024 at 01:48 PM

ST

“ Condolences to the Andy and the family of Raymond. He was good man and faithful servant in the community. He will be missed.

Shawn Tucker - February 05, 2024 at 01:14 PM