



## Mr. Charles "Rip" Widick

July 22, 1955 - May 21, 2021

Charles "Rip" Widick was released from this world on May 21, 2021 to a place where the shrimp are always running, sunflowers bloom all year long, and boat motors never break down. He was stricken with metastatic cancer and fought valiantly with the support of his friends and family before succumbing to this disease.

Rip was born on July 22, 1955 in Pensacola, Florida to Lester and Patricia Widick. He was raised on Marine Corps bases along with his sisters Patti Widick Neale (Chris), Susan Widick Nelson (Greg), Trudi Widick, and Karen Keith (Marshall), until 1970 when his father retired from the USMC after 24 years of service and moved his family to Titusville. Besides his 4 sisters, he is survived by his nephew, Cameron Keith, and his niece Mia Kamenelis. He married Barbara Wilson in 2002 and she preceded him to the Promised Land in 2020.

Rip lived in Titusville and enjoyed most of the amenities that the Indian River offered. He spent thousands of hours clamming, fishing, shrimping and occasionally crabbing. He developed a knack for fixing boat motors and became popular with many friends and acquaintances for helping them get their motors back up and running. Many times he offered assistance to stranded boaters by towing them back to safety. His willingness to aid those in need has been expressed by all of his friends who called or visited in his

last month on earth. Each person describes him as wonderful friend and great guy. He was truly blessed with a treasure chest of friends from all walks of life.

Rip loved growing wildflowers, bananas, papayas, and mangoes, which he gave away to friends and neighbors. His yard was a jungle of giant sunflowers along with the aforementioned fruit trees. He was also an animal lover and had a following of feral cats. Dogs seemed to immediately take to him and he would cuddle and fuss over them, much to their delight.

Rip lived his life in his own way, and walked to the beat of a different drummer. His kindness toward others was apparent, and would give someone the shirt off his back, while not having one to replace it. He will be genuinely missed by those who called him friend, and by me, who called him brother.

If you are so inclined, please make a donation to St. Francis Reflections Lifestage and Care Center. The “earth angels” who devote their careers to caring and comforting those at the end of their lives attended to the needs of my brother for the last 2 weeks of his life. For this, I am eternally grateful. 🙏  
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~ Susan Widick Nelson

# Previous Events

## Graveside

MAY 26. 10:30 AM (ET)

Oaklawn Memorial Gardens  
Titusville, FL

# Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. Charles "Rip" Widick*

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January 30, 2023 at 03:36 AM



“ *Rip Widick was one of the unique local rivermen in our community. He and I go way back together. He was the go to guy for outboard repair in the area so he would frequent our boat and motor repair business at the time for parts for various engines. He would pull up in his old cut down pick up truck painted in tie dye colors, a cow skull with horns was wired to the hood. I always looked forward to his visits, for he had a different adventure to tell me every time, that could only be told by somebody that was truly "out there" on a regular basis. Rip never had much but he had a creator like personality that was always concerned for others well being over his own. He would make personal sacrifice so another could be helped. As an outdoorsman, he had an affinity for nature that was truly unrivaled. When cell phones came along he would show me pictures with wonder, of fauna and flora, some of trivial objects, but weather micro or mega he treasured them all and made you think deeply about the place of things in nature. Another treasure he had that caught my interest was his sister Susan. After a lengthy engagement, she has been my wife since 2012. So now brother, it has come to pass that we part, so rest in peace, keep me a place for shrimping.*

*Greg Nelson,*

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**GREG NELSON** - May 27, 2021 at 08:14 PM

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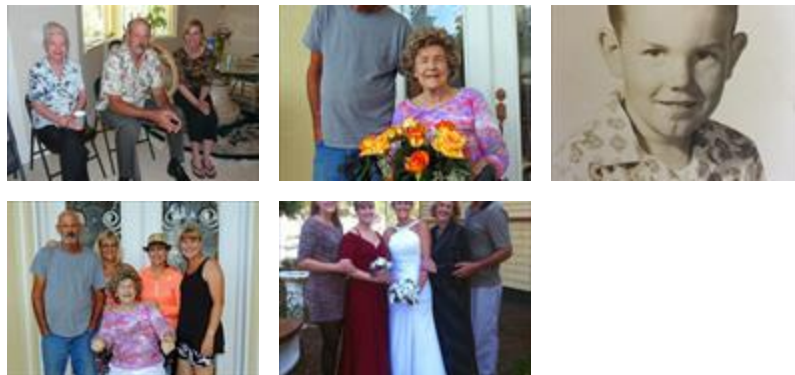
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susan nelson - May 25, 2021 at 03:01 PM

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Susan W NELSON - May 23, 2021 at 10:19 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. Charles "Rip" Widick.



May 22, 2021 at 07:24 PM

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“ *Rip was a unique and interesting person. His claim to fame was shrimping. For a period of years he owned the rail road bridge - when it came to shrimping. The rail road bridge was his domain. The obituary was right on tract regarding how he would try to help people out. I know when he gets to heaven he will be asking the Lord - what makes the shrimp run. May the Lord also bless the family with understanding. Kerry*

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**kerry** - May 22, 2021 at 06:31 PM

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*U will be truly missed, my friend  
First meant u at the River w/ your parrot  
Always friendly & helpful  
U would drive by my house & see a tree on the fence after a hurricane,  
& come back & remove it, along w/ many other habdiman chores.  
Always enjoyed seeing u & your pup Akways envied your time on your  
boat! Bless your family! RIP , Rip!!*

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**Dory Valentine** - May 23, 2021 at 10:28 AM

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*Rip you will be truly missed brother. I go back almost two decades with you and can't believe you are gone Heaven has a special place for you . You will make it a better place Rip thats just how you are . God bless you brother.*

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**Zane Fuller** - June 03, 2021 at 09:19 PM



“ *Rip, you will be sorely missed by my mom and I. We are forever grateful for your countless acts of kindness and generosity. Whether it was a gift of flowers, a huge watermelon or papaya, random errands for my mom or a ride to the airport for me, you were always there for us! I will forever be thankful for you keeping an eye on my parents and the many times you helped my dad by coming to his aid or calling in favors to other friends, whether it was a tow, help in the yard or whatever crazy thing he needed help with. You were such a great neighbor and friend, we will always remember and cherish you! May you Rest In Peace our beloved “Reep”. The Palomeque Family*

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**Maria Palomeque** - May 22, 2021 at 04:56 PM

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*Everyone should be lucky enough to have neighbors like your family, Maria*

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**Susan Widick Nelson** - May 22, 2021 at 05:10 PM



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**Funeral Solutions®** - May 22, 2021 at 04:12 PM