



## Everette "Rette" W. Irvine

December 15, 1940 - June 27, 2020

Everette "Rette" W. Irvine, 79, of Tallahassee, passed away at his home on June 27, 2020. He was a native of Tallahassee and a United States Marine Corp Veteran. Rette was in the Residential & Commercial Construction Business in Tallahassee and he was always working on something. His family said he was a wheeler dealer.

Survivors include his 4 daughters Lisa Noegel and husband Taylor, Heather Chaddock and husband Shimshon, Marche' Manger and husband Paul & Eshanne Smith and husband Jason, sister Prissy Swearingen and husband Bill and 6 grandchildren.

No services have been planned at this time.

Skip & Trey Young with Family Funeral Home at Harvey Young Chapel are assisting the family with their arrangements. 850-926-5919 [Familyfhc.com](http://Familyfhc.com)

# Tribute Wall

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“ I can't believe that Rette is gone. He was a dear friend to me, but due to personal reasons, I had not kept up with my Tallahassee associates these last couple of years. I am very sad to discover this news, tonight.

*This was quite by happenstance, as was my meeting him. I never go to things like wine tastings, but my girlfriend suggested I get out of the house, and it was on that fateful night I met Rette. I was walking to my old VW Beetle to meet my friend for coffee at the old Borders, and there he stood, at the end of the sidewalk before the parking lot, arms crossed and leaning against an old BMW or somesuch.*

*I was teetering a bit from an injury and said, "I'm not drunk", to which he said, "I'm a doctor; I can help"! I had my doubts, but he asked if he could walk me to my car and he noticed that the seat in my 35 y.o. VW was listing (being as it was not bolted into the rusted floorboard). He pointed out that this might be the reason my back hurt.*

*That seemed a pretty astute observation, I thanked him and was off for the night. Little did I realize that my personal peculiarities made me a girl tailor-made for Rette's posse :)*

*Within a month I noticed an old truck parked out on the road outside of my house. There was Rette, and he asked in a courtly manner if he could approach my drive. He learned that I taught English, and that some of my background was Russian, so I became his "Russian professor" (not!) and the rest is history.*

*I knew Rette for over 20 years, and he was always kind, caring and sharing of himself and little things he knew would brighten my life. As he would say, "Unexpected things at unexpected times." He picked me up when I was down, and he gave good counsel. He generously introduced me to his family and friends, and even invited me to a family Thanksgiving dinner, which meant a lot to me (Thank*

*you, Lisa).*

*I am crying tonight, very sad over Rette's passing. The world had lost a good man, and I, a good friend. May you Rest in Peace, Rette.*

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**Lisa Finkelstein** - October 06, 2020 at 11:32 PM



“ *My condolences to his family. I have fond memories of my times working on vehicles of his and being around him. He was truly a great man. I will miss him dearly. I lost touch with him but often tried to find him again.*

*Sincerely*

*TJ (Buddy) Mulligan.*

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**Debi Mulligan** - July 06, 2020 at 08:18 PM