



George Hodges

March 7, 1952 - April 15, 2026

George Hodges passed away on April 15th 2026. He rejoins his beloved daughter Melissa

Hodges who preceded him on October 23rd 2022.

He was born in Neustadt an der Weinstraße, Germany. Becoming a US citizen when he was 6

years old. His family settled in Leesville, Louisiana. Because of this some friends called him the

“Cajun-kraut”. He joined the US Army at the tender age of 17. He wanted to help protect this

country he loved. He was eventually discharged honorably as a disabled veteran. Till the end of

his life his home always had an American flag displayed by the front porch.

After discharge, he started working in construction. He was the superintendent for the 1st

Berkman Plaza in Downtown Jacksonville. He was also the superintendent for multiple interior

projects at UF Shands in Jacksonville. He was also an approved contractor for the Springfield

Preservation Society. When he tired of working for others he started his own company “Hodges

installations,” specializing in the repair, remodeling and Rehab of mobile homes. There was

nothing he couldn't repair or remodel. He definitely had a gift.

With his wife, Karen they raised three children. He was firm but loving. All the kids had chores

that he required them to do, giving them allowances when it was possible. He was an amazing

pool player. Their home became the spot for NASCAR and Jaguars every Sunday. Open house,

everyone was welcome and fed. The neighborhood kids loved him and were always welcome

24/7. He made them feel welcome and most importantly safe. It was not uncommon to wake up

Saturday morning with a dozen teenagers sleeping all through the house anywhere they could

find, even on top of the pool table.

He was diagnosed with stage 4 colon/liver cancer on 10/25/2022, 2 days after his daughter

passed. He was always stubborn and had a hard head. He fought the good battle for 3 years.

December 2025 he had to go on hospice because there was nothing else they could do. For

anyone reading this do not skip your colonoscopy! It could truly save your life.

He put

his off for years so his diagnosis came a little too late.

He was predeceased by his mother, Barbara Hodges AKA Oma, his daughter, Melissa, and

multiple friends. He is survived by his wife Karen, and their five children Gene Hodges,

Charlene Price and her husband Andre. Kareena Midgett and her husband Robert, Alexander

Hodges and his wife Becca. He also leaves multiple grandchildren, Aiden Hodges, Lil Robby

Midgett, Lincoln Hodges, Brandon Hodges, Brittany Frison, Nathaniel Hodges, Christopher

Hodges, and the twins Sean and Shane Hodges. He also has multiple great-grandkids. Also

mourning him will be his best friend's Paul Badazewski, and Richard Ahlgren and so many

many other friends.

Service will be held at the National Cemetery in Jacksonville in the fall.

We would like to give a shout out to community hospice for the kind and loving care they gave

him allowing him to pass in his home with his wife by his side.

Tribute Wall



“ 14 files added to the tribute wall



Kareena Midgett - April 20 at 06:30 PM



“ Kareena Midgett lit a candle in memory of George Hodges



Kareena Midgett - April 20 at 06:28 PM