



Mr. Jay Rinker

January 25, 1957 - August 3, 2011

Jay Rinker, 54, of 9 Helms Drive in Hartsville, South Carolina, passed away on Wednesday, August 3, 2011. He is survived by his mother, Ginny Rinker, his brother, Rod Rinker, sister-in-law, Paige Rinker, nephew, Chris Rinker, and niece, Jessica Rinker all of Woodstock, Georgia. He was preceded in death, by his father, Keith Rinker in 2005.

Jay was born in Indianapolis, Indiana on January 25, 1957. Jay was adopted by Keith and Ginny Rinker of Muncie, Indiana in July of 1959 at two and a half years of age. Later, they moved to Yorktown, Indiana where Jay went through his school years. As a child, he had a great love for water and swimming. Jay was a member of the Yorktown High School swimming and wrestling teams. Upon graduation from high school in 1975, Jay joined the U.S. Navy and went to Naval Station Great Lakes in Chicago, Illinois for basic training. He was sent to the base in Panama City, Florida on the U.S.S. Fidelity, a mine sweeper, for his first tour of duty. Jay signed up for a second tour of duty and was stationed on the base in Pearl Harbor, Hawaii for a year, then later transferred to the base in San Diego, California.

After being discharged from the Navy, Jay attended college at Ball State University in Muncie, Indiana. He also lived in Portland, Oregon; Dallas, Texas; and Marietta, Georgia. Jay moved to Lake City, South Carolina in 1989.

In June of 1990, Jay was involved in a fork lift accident that paralyzed him from the chest down. There were many long-term health complications that

Jay bravely endured during the next 21 years. Jay faced each of these issues with a great deal of courage. Unfortunately, over time, these complications became too great of an obstacle to overcome.

Jay was cremated on Thursday, August 4, 2011. There will be a private ceremony on Saturday, August 6, 2011 with family and a few close friends near the lake house where he lived for the past few years.

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