



## Rhett Bessire

March 6, 1970 - January 18, 2022

It is with the deepest sorrow that we announce the passing of our son, brother, uncle and friend Rhett Allen Bessire, 51, of Punta Gorda, Florida, on January 18, 2022. Rhett passed away too soon at his home in Conyers, Georgia.

Rhett was born on March 6, 1970, to Richard and Susie Bessire in Lake City, Florida. After completing high school at Port Charlotte High, he went on to attend Manatee Community College and then on to a career in the golf industry where he was at his happiest doing what he loved most, from Pro Shop Management to Golf Course Maintenance.

Those who knew Rhett knew that he had an avid passion for golf, baseball, football and animals, especially his beloved dog Chavez. He was a lifelong fan of the Chicago Cubs and Tampa Bay Buccaneers. When the Bucs won the Super Bowl in 2021, Rhett proclaimed his life was complete! Rhett had a quick wit humor like no other and always made those around him laugh. He will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved him.

Rhett is survived by his father Richard Bessire, his mother Susie Bessire, his siblings Claire Bessire Hanano and Rich Bessire, his niece Ava Hanano, brother-in-law Zak Hanano and large number of aunts, uncles, cousins and good friends.

A memorial and celebration of life will be scheduled at a later date. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to the Animal Welfare League of Charlotte County Florida (<https://awlshelter.org/donate>), a cause that Rhett felt deeply about.

# Tribute Wall

KC

“ *My heart aches to find this out. Rhett was a friend of my moms growing up and he was always so good to my brother and i. He was the nicest guy ever and im lucky to have been his buddy!!! Hugs and prayers to your family.*

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**kya collins** - November 05, 2023 at 01:53 PM

SA

“ *Mr. & Mrs. Bessire, Claire, and Rich, Tim Faber called me last week to break the horrible news about Rhett and I'm still in shock. We were together for 5 years so it's nearly impossible to have a high school memory that doesn't include him. I pray that God brings you strength each and every day.*

*I know I have photos of Rhett that you may not have - I will search through all my photo boxes in the next few days to see what I can find to upload here. If I can help you in any way, please call or text me at 941-504-6777.*

*My deepest & sincere condolences,*  
*Sandy (de Paiva) Anderson*

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**Sandra de Paiva Anderson** - January 24, 2022 at 09:25 AM

CH

*Thank you so much Sandra! We were just talking about you this week and remembering you time with Rhett. We would love any photos. They can be attached here or you can send them to me [cbessire@yahoo.com](mailto:cbessire@yahoo.com). Thank you so much for your thoughts, prayers and for reaching out.*

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**Claire Bessire Hanano** - January 24, 2022 at 10:14 AM

SB

*Sandy, thank you for your caring words, they were greatly appreciated. You were always in Rhett's heart I know because he would mention you often. I have some very beautiful pictures of pre prom that I will send to you in a week or so. Hope life is treating you and your family well. Mrs Bessire*

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**susie bessire** - January 24, 2022 at 08:10 PM

SA

*Claire, did you get the pictures I sent you via email? If not, I can reduce the file size and re-send.*

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**Sandy** - March 03, 2022 at 08:02 AM

CH

*Hi Sandy, I am so sorry it has been so long. No, I did not get the photos. Can you send again? Thank you*

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**claire hanano** - February 26, 2023 at 09:57 AM

EM

“ Dick,

*I just want you to know how very sorry I am for the loss of your son. As a father of 3, I cannot even begin to imagine the depth of your grief and heartache. I truly believe that the loss of a child is life's greatest tragedy. The father and child relationship is very special. The dynamics with a son are different than those with a daughter. From the first moment you hold that baby, you see his future in his eyes. You work hard to give your children every advantage and try to instill in them integrity, honesty, humility, compassion, hard work and love. We hope those characteristics will serve them well into adulthood and long after we, as a parent, are gone. I treasure my moments with my 2 grown sons and daughter. My heart breaks for you and your family as you face the world without your son. Please hold his memories close to your heart and lean on those who are there to support and comfort you. You are in my thoughts and prayers.*

*All my best,*

*Ed Maroney*

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**Ed Maroney** - January 22, 2022 at 02:09 PM

CH

“ 10 files added to the album *Rhett's Photo Memories*



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**Claire Bessire Hanano** - January 20, 2022 at 06:32 PM