

Two Rings Returned to Owners in One Month

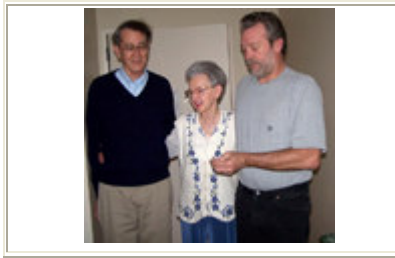
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During the years I have known fellow club member Mike Plyler, I have noticed his generous nature. During the drought last summer we were all detecting at the Ebenezer Boat Landing. Mike had a five-gallon bucket of fishing leads he had recovered while detecting. He would give fishing leads to all the fishermen around. We found four rings that summer; Mike found 29 last we heard. It's as though he has a special knack for finding treasure.

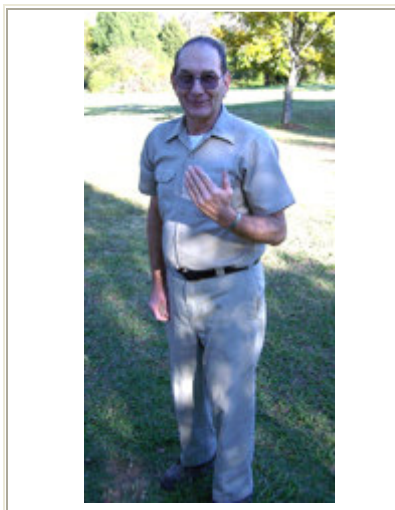
Mike's friend, Arnold Couick, told him about trying to detect a ring someone had lost a couple of weeks before. Arnold checked with Dave to see if the ring was ever recovered. Arnold, Mike and Dave met at the site and, after only about 10 minutes, Mike was able to recover the ring and returned it to the happy man right there.

Well, making that recovery made Arnold remember another wedding band he had tried to find for a man named Jack. When he contacted the man's wife, Arnold learned that he was at the Hospice House with cancer and had never found the wedding band he lost in 1999. Arnold visited him and told him about their success with the other ring and that they would try to find his ring. Arnold decided to search down a path leading to an old shed where he thought Jack might have walked. There where Arnold had just detected, Mike found the long lost wedding band after detecting for about an hour and a half. It was about two inches down. On Saturday, together they visited Jack at the Hospice House to return his ring. It was one of his best days in a while. He was so relieved to see that ring, but he said he wanted to be buried with the replacement ring and for his wife to keep the old ring. She got a chain to wear it around her neck where she said the ring, engraved with their initials, would be close to her heart.

It was very timely returning that long lost ring that Saturday and lifting his spirits; he passed away on Wednesday. Mike and Arnold attend the same church, but it seems they have a ministry of their own. Mike said it was just cool to look for and find something for someone.



The ring Mike Plyler found for Jack, the man in the story that passed away, is shown above along with (L-R) Arnold Couick, Jack's wife, and Mike Plyler.



Shown above is the first ring Mike Plyler found (for Dave in the story).