

Dead man in a bottle, found in the Keys

Gordon Scott was a very large man but they called him "Skinny" and he loved to travel. He and his wife Beverly were snowbirds and spent part of each year in the Florida Keys. Skinny died in March of 2012 at the age of 57.



Judi Glunz with Gordon Scott's remains.

One day this past July, Judi Glunz was walking the beach at the hotel owned by her family, the Glunz Ocean Beach Hotel and Resort in Marathon and she found a bottle with a message in it and what appeared to be sand. Upon opening the bottle Judi Glunz got the shock of her life. It was not sand, it was Skinny's ashes! The note attached from his wife said that because Skinny had loved to travel she put some of his ashes in a bottle along with some money so that who ever found the bottle could call her and tell her where he had landed. She tossed the bottle into the ocean off Big Pine Key after his death in March of 2012 and he made his way to Islamorada where someone found him. They added a note and sent him traveling again and he landed at the Glunz's hotel on Key Colony Beach.

Judi called the wife in Tennessee who was excited to know of Gordon's travels. Judi added her note and put him in a rum bottle (to add a little fun to his trip) with the three notes. "We added another dollar in case Gordon travels far and a long distance call is needed. We will be having a memorial service or celebration of his life on our beach later today before sending him on his way again," says the Glunz family. Happy travels Skinny!

Note: The Glunz family was awarded "2013 Beverage Wholesaler of the Year" for their 125 year old beer distributing business.

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