



William A. "Bill" Grow Jr.

February 16, 1936 - February 22, 2020

William Alton (Bill) Grow, Jr. died after a brief illness, surrounded by the loving care of his children, grandchildren and extended family, on Saturday, Feb. 22, 2020.

A memorial service will be held at 3:00PM on Saturday, February 29, 2020 at Trinity United Methodist Church, 120 West Park Avenue. A reception will immediately follow in Moor Hall.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to Bill's favorite causes, Bethlehem Ministries (www.bethlehemministry.org) or Southern Scholarship Foundation (www.southern scholarship.org).

He was born on Feb. 16, 1936, in Colquitt, Ga., to William A. Grow, Sr., and Elva White Grow. He graduated from Miller County High School and Florida State University, and received an MBA from FSU. He served in ROTC, then the Air Force, with an assignment in Morocco.

Bill was a devoted father, husband, son, brother, friend, and entrepreneur. He developed commercial and residential real estate and founded several businesses, most notably the Storage Center in Tallahassee and several similar businesses in other parts of Florida. He was active in several service organizations, particularly the Rotary Club, and was known for his kindness and generosity. He remembered everyone's name. He was a longtime member of Trinity Methodist Church.

Bill was in his element taking cross country trips on his motorcycle and in his airplane, traveling with friends and a favorite cousin. His two trips from Tallahassee to Alaska and back, as part of a small plane caravan, were highlights of his life. As his fellow pilots said, for every takeoff, there is a landing.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his wife of 55 years, Alice Barron Grow, and his brother, John David Grow. Survivors include a sister, Sherrie Ann Flynn, of Kennesaw, Ga.; a brother, Gerald Owen Grow, of Tallahassee; one daughter, Allison Grow of

Gainesville, FL; two sons, William Barron (Barry) Grow of Orlando, FL, and Justin Marshall Grow of Greenville, SC; grandchildren Isabelle, Daniel, Seth, Dillon, Brandon, Mac and Eva Grow; and many, many cousins and friends.

Rocky Bevis and Kelly Barber of Bevis Funeral Home of Tallahassee (850-385-2193 or www.bevisfh.com) are assisting the Grow family with their arrangements.

Comments



“ Bill and I are related from somewhere up the generational tree. My dad's side of the family was from Bainbridge and Colquit. I referred to him as my second cousin but I am not sure that is truly accurate. Bill and I shared the passion of developing real estate and flying airplanes. Both expensive and risky passions. We always had stories to share with each other on both. I had the pleasure of flying several times with Bill in his RV and he would always let me take the stick when we flew. He was a fine man and will be missed by all who knew him. I know he and Alice are now reunited in Heaven. I have a commitment out of town this weekend and will regret not meeting the family. I pray the Peace of God surrounds each of you this weekend as you celebrate his life, a life fully lived.

Claude Walker

claude walker - February 28, 2020 at 05:48 AM



“ Allison, I just wanted to send you sweet thoughts today. I have so enjoyed your parents in recent past. I had long, long walks with your mother & good chats with your father since then. I would always stop in the morning & have a brief conversation while he was here in library area, reading the news. Today I send you comfort & love & the sweet knowledge of how much they loved you. They were always so proud to tell of your successes. My heart holds you & your children through your loss. Gwen

Gwen Carriere - February 26, 2020 at 11:27 AM



“ Bill was a true southern gentleman. When I joined Rotary seventeen years ago, he went out of his way to make me feel welcome. I will miss his smiling face at our weekly luncheons.

Mark Horner - February 24, 2020 at 09:55 PM



“ The entire Cancer Center Team.. purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of William A. "Bill" Grow Jr..



The entire Cancer Center Team.. - February 24, 2020 at 11:00 AM