



## Angus Broward Taff Jr.

April 20, 1943 - April 10, 2018

Broward Taff, Jr., affectionately known by his family as “Pop Pop,” died quietly in his sleep Tuesday morning, April 10 – ten days before his 75th birthday. He will be greatly missed by “Babs” his cherished wife of 54 years, two married children, four grandchildren, a brother and many other family and friends.

Born in Tallahassee on April 20, 1943 and the first of three sons from a military family, Broward attended 13 different schools across the U.S., eventually graduating from Leon High in 1961. During these formative years, he was active in scouting, completing Cub Scouts, obtaining his Eagle in Boy Scouts; and his Silver and God and Country awards in Explorer Scouts. He also served as assistant scoutmaster to Troop 110 and was a member of the Suwanee River Area Council’s Board. He loved the outdoors and camping in snow bound areas of Canada, visiting every state in the United States and hiking extensively in the Smoky Mountains.

While a teenager, Broward took tap dancing and in 1957 danced on Dick Clark’s American Bandstand at the Biltmore Estate in Asheville, NC. In 1958 he made state finals in swimming for Lake Worth High and later ran the hurdles at track for Del City High in Oklahoma. He enjoyed water skiing and hunting, learned to fly airplanes and taught himself to sail. Broward was proud of his North Florida roots, and after the many years of moving, decided to call the area his permanent home. Whether heeling through the warm waters of

Apalachee Bay, racing down snow-covered slopes in the Rockies, or trolling the flats at Alligator Point in his money-pit-pontoon boat, Pop Pop relished spending time with his wife, children, grandchildren and friends.

Broward attended the University of Florida in architecture, took course work in psychology from the University of Miami, and majored in accounting and finance at Florida State University—graduating with the Class of 1968 (and passing the CPA exam on first attempt in 1970). Early in his career, Broward held an insurance license while at Lewis State Bank, where he began as a teller, was later Auditor and Comptroller and then Vice President. He continued his education at the Graduate School in Banking at LSU. He was president of Marine State Bank for ten years, a mortgage broker, and served on the Small Business Advisory board of the SBA (appointed by Vice President Agnew). After starting a number of other businesses, Taff became broker-owner of both ReMax Realty and Shell Point Realty. With extensive experience in banking and litigation, Broward returned to FSU and earned his Law Degree in 1992. Broward interned as a felony prosecutor at the State Attorney's Office and served as a Court appointed Receiver for various businesses. He later opened a successful law practice, providing pro-bono work for many people.

During his term at Lewis State Bank, Broward caught a counterfeiter and several forgeries and became known to the Sheriff's department as a handwriting specialist. He then assisted the Florida Department of Law Enforcement in a case in the Bahamas where Scotland Yard classified him as expert in forgery detection. He assisted the FDLE in developing its training film on forgery detection and was appointed numerous times by various county, circuit, and federal courts in Florida, Georgia and Alabama, as expert in forgeries. Broward's love for words, orthography and calligraphy continued throughout his career and into retirement.

Broward joined the DeMolay while in Oklahoma in the eleventh grade and was a member of Jackson Lodge of the United Order of Masons, formerly with both the Scottish and York rite bodies, and was also a member of the Marzuq Shrine Temple having previously served as a member of the Tallahassee Shrine Club of the Morocco Temple in Jacksonville.

Broward and Babs were longtime members of Springtime Tallahassee's War and Reconstruction Krewe where Broward served as Float Chairman and as Krewe Chief. He served as Andrew Jackson in both 1995 and 1996, as President of Springtime in 2001-2002 and on its board of directors for several years. His creative and artistic mind was never more apparent than with the numerous winning "W&R" Springtime floats. His overall ability to design, build and execute was extraordinary.

Broward was a creator at heart and was described by friends and family as a true Renaissance Man. To his family, he will long be remembered sitting in his log cabin home, drawing, painting, beading Indian jewelry, penning poems, writing upside down or backwards, learning a new language or playing his banjo. He loved to help others and God-only-knows how much money, time and energy he gave away. He was fond of telling everyone who would listen that he had been blessed in his life and was always thanking the Lord for his "wonderful wife, children, grandchildren, parents, and family." He said not to worry about him, as he believed in Jesus and His work on the cross and was ready to go home whenever the Lord was ready to take him.

Broward is survived by his wife Barbara Jean "Babs" King Taff, son Angus Broward "Bo" (Amy) Taff, III, Tallahassee and daughter Barbara Kristin Taff (Dan) Dolan of Miami, his youngest brother, Steven Gregory (Angie) Taff of Tallahassee, granddaughters, Anna (Stephen) Eppinger of Palm Coast, Sarah (Johnny Blue, Jr.) Craig of Dallas, Texas, Abigail Taff of Jacksonville, and

Elizabeth "Libby" Dolan of Miami, nieces Michelle Sawyer and Lauren and Susan Taff and nephews Stan, Jr., Charles, Gregory, Joshua and Angus Taff.

Broward is preceded in death by his parents, Angus Broward Taff, Sr. and Mary Hazel Dolby Taff, and by a brother, Harry Stanton Taff, Sr.

The family will receive friends Saturday, April 14, 2018 from 5:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. at Bevis Funeral Home, 200 John Knox Road. Funeral services will be held 3:00 p.m. Sunday, April 15, 2018 at Celebration Baptist Church. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to Shriners Hospital for Children - Tampa 12502 USF Pine Dr. Tampa, FL 33612. Susie Mozolic of Bevis Funeral Home is assisting the family with their arrangements. (www.bevisfh.com 850-385-2193)

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR **14.** 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Bevis Funeral Home & Crematory  
200 John Knox Rd  
Tallahassee, FL 32303  
(850) 385-2193

## Funeral Service

APR **15.** 3:00 PM (ET)

Celebration Baptist Church  
3300 Shamrock East  
Tallahassee, FL 32309

# Tribute Wall

LM

“ Dearest Babs, Bo, Kristin and Family, Please know you are all in my heart and prayers as Broward Jr. makes his journey home. Sending you much, much love and comfort during this tender time, LeeAnne Moody



LeeAnne Moody - April 12, 2018 at 09:34 PM



“ Joyful Memory was purchased for the family of Angus Broward Taff Jr..



April 12, 2018 at 06:55 PM



“ Fiery Lily and Rose was purchased for the family of Angus Broward Taff Jr..



April 12, 2018 at 06:47 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Angus Broward Taff Jr..



April 12, 2018 at 03:11 PM

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“ *Very sorry to hear of Broward's demise. He was such a strong person in many ways. His fellowship in the Marzuq Shrine and concern for the shrine hospital for children, his friendship in the banking community and legal advice, his special talent with ability to duplicate any signature was amazing, his smile and warm greetings, such a good man. We will miss Broward. Deepest sympathy to his family.*

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**Gary Wright** - April 12, 2018 at 08:38 AM

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“ *What a loss. We are so sad to hear of Broward's passing. He truly was a unique, remarkable man. He had more talent than any one person should be allowed to have.*

*Millard and I feel so blessed and privileged to have had the opportunity to know Broward and count him as a dear, dear friend. Since learning the news, I have been remembering all of the fun times we have had with Broward and Babs. Law School, football games and tailgating, vacations together, driving all over the panhandle learning Broward's woods, Springtime Tallahassee, parties and merriment, and sharing times with his family. Most of all I remember always laughing with him. Thank you for letting us be a part of your life.*

*You touched our hearts and you will continue to live on in our hearts and memories. We love you and your family and pray for Babs, Bo, and Kristen and their families. Barbara and Millard.*

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**Barbara Smith** - April 11, 2018 at 05:55 PM

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*Broward was One of the finest men I have ever had the privilege of knowing. His extended family of friends are far and wide. He had a major impact on my life. My heart goes out to Babs and the entire family. May our good LORD continue to hold each of them in the palm of his hand!!*

*John Hutt  
Panama City, Fl.*

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**John Hutt** - April 12, 2018 at 11:44 AM

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*Broward was truly a professional and a gentleman. His generosity impacted the lives of so many. He will be missed, not only as a brother, but as a friend. My condolences to the entire Taff family.*

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**Hal Gokey** - April 13, 2018 at 03:24 PM