



Calvin Pickard Ogburn

June 9, 1935 - November 15, 2020

TALLAHASSEE, FL – Calvin Pickard Ogburn, 85, a long-time figure in housing and redevelopment, died November 15.

The only child of Lundie Calvin Ogburn and Marie Pickard Ogburn, he was born June 9, 1935, in Philadelphia, PA, where his father was in medical school. During WWII, he lived on or near military bases and liked to tell of being able to play and look for submarines from the Don Cesar Hotel in Pass-a-Grille which had been turned into an army hospital.

After the war, he moved with his family to Winston-Salem, N.C. He was educated at Reynolds High School in Winston-Salem, Oak Ridge Military Institute, the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, and Guilford College. In his early 20s, his father remarried after the death of his mother, and he gained 3 step siblings – a brother and two sisters.

He began his work career in Winston-Salem with the Winston-Salem Housing Authority, which managed the federally funded Urban Renewal program. He worked in that field in Waycross, GA, coming to Tallahassee in 1970. As the first director of the Tallahassee Urban Renewal program, he acquired the land where the Civic Center now stands as well as the land for the Center for Continuing Education and the Law School Annex. Soon his duties included Code Enforcement for the city along with managing the Housing Authority and becoming the first director of the Downtown Improvement Authority. As the city structure changed, he became the Executive Director of the Tallahassee Housing Authority. After retiring in 1993, he was named Executive Director of

the Educational Facilities Authority, whose mission was to provide housing for institutions of higher learning in Leon County. During this time Southgate Campus Centre and Heritage Grove were built under his leadership and managed by the Authority. He retired a second time in 2013.

He was extremely proud of his long and distinguished military service. In 1955 he enlisted in the Army where he was an air traffic controller on both Army and Air Force bases. After two years of active duty, he went into the reserve program, moving from the Army to the Air Force and finally the Coast Guard, where his reserve unit replaced active duty personnel in Panama City on weekends performing search and rescue missions. He retired as a Coast Guard Commander completing over 30 years of loyal service.

In his professional career he was a past president of the Georgia Association of Redevelopment Officials and the Florida Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials. His civic associations include past president of the Waycross, GA, chapters of the Jaycees and Kiwanis Club, and the Tallahassee 100 Club and the Tallahassee Town Club. He was a current member of Tallahassee Northside Kiwanis Club, Capital City Tiger Bay, and Faith Presbyterian Church.

A man of wry wit who always looked like he might be planning some mischief, he turned his housing passions to model railroading after retirement. He built a train shed in his back yard, bargained with his wife about shared space in the dining room, and always wanted to know what fellow enthusiasts were doing with their trains. Of course, he was a member of the Big Bend Model Railroad Association.

He was predeceased by his parents; stepmother, Ruth; son, Gordon Calvin; stepbrother, Tom Thornton, and stepsister, Molly Philo. He is survived by his wife of 61 years, Lou, and his daughter, Ruth; stepsister, Elisabeth; niece Elle (Gator); seven first cousins and many close friends. Due to current health concerns, the ceremony will be private. Beginning Nov. 25th the service will be available for streaming on the Bevis Funeral Home website. In lieu of flowers, a memorial donation may be made to the Tallahassee Museum of History and

Natural Science, 3945 Museum Drive, Tallahassee, FL 32310 or the Northside Kiwanis Club, c/o Diane Reagans, 4304 Amber Valley Rd, Tallahassee, FL 32312.

Susie Mozolic of Bevis Funeral Home is assisting the family with their arrangements. (www.bevisfh.com 850-385-2193)

Tribute Wall



“ *Bevis Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Calvin Pickard Ogburn*



Bevis Funeral Home - November 24, 2020 at 09:03 AM



“ *With Kiwanis, a mutual enjoyment of model trains, and a long-term friendship, many happy hours were spent with Cal and family. His quick wit, knowledge, and caring for others was readily apparent. Sincere prayers to Lou, Ruth and the rest of the family.*

Ron & Patty Beckey

Ron Beckey - November 29, 2020 at 08:32 AM



“ *I got to talk to Cal since he and I love old trains, but more so because of the man he was.*

I will miss him, and hope to try and be more like him.

Doug Gyuricsko

Doug Gyuricsko - November 28, 2020 at 05:49 AM



“ 1 file added to the album *Calvin Ogburn Service Tribute*



Bevis Funeral Home - November 24, 2020 at 02:23 PM



“ *Lou and Ruth,*

Our thoughts and prayers are with you both. Real heroes don't have a name on the back of a jersey. They have their Country's flag on the arm of a uniform. Thank you Cal. You will be missed Sir! Fair winds and following Seas Commander Ogburn.

With Respect,

Shawn, Melissa & Wyatt Harvey

Shawn Harvey - November 24, 2020 at 11:49 AM



“ *My deepest condolences. Cal and Lou (and Ruth) are some of the sweetest people I have had the pleasure to know.*

Sincerely,

Brooke "Sessions-Gay", Will, Katie and Lauren Collins

Brooke Collins - November 23, 2020 at 11:07 AM

CA

“ I'm forever grateful that our family and your family are forever intertwined. My parents' lives would have been less rich without you two in their lives. Cal was a kind and humorous and gentle soul. He will be missed. love... carolyn.

Carolyn - November 22, 2020 at 05:58 PM

DB

“ Lou and Ruthie,
Our deepest condolences to you both. Our hearts are heavy for your loss but we feel blessed and honored to have known Cal. Love, hugs and prayers from both of us,
Donna and Joe Breck

Donna Breck - November 21, 2020 at 08:46 AM

VB

“ My dearest Lou and Ruth,

On behalf of all of us at the Florida Developmental Disabilities Council we are saddened by your terrible loss and wish you and Ruth the peace that passes all understanding during these difficult times.

On a personal note, I remember our visits at garage sales, the greetings from Cal as I walked down the street by your house, and the laughs and tears we have shared through the years. I am forever grateful that our paths crossed again when I joined the DD Council, Lou. You are my forever favorite family care council member and long-time support! May the love and support of those around you carry you through the pain of loss and may the memories you have fill the void of tomorrow.

Much love from all of us, Valerie Breen

Valerie Breen - November 18, 2020 at 05:36 PM

LH

“ *I worked with Calvin at the City of Tallahassee. He was honest, forthright and real pleasure to be around.*

Locke Haney - November 17, 2020 at 01:23 PM

CI

“ *Carlton Ingram purchased the Sacred Duty Spray for the family of Calvin Pickard Ogburn.*



Carlton Ingram - November 17, 2020 at 01:21 PM

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