



## Dale Edward Croy

December 15, 1935 - June 23, 2022

Dale Edward Croy, Sr., 86, of Tallahassee, Florida passed away peacefully at home on June 23, 2022 surrounded by loving members of his family. He was born in Tallahassee, Florida on December 15, 1935 to Hoyt Paul Croy and Leola Dale Sauls. A 1954 graduate of Leon High School, Dale later received his degree in Criminology from Florida State University and a Masters in Criminal Justice from Nova University. Additionally, he was a graduate of the 89th Session, FBI National Academy in Washington , D.C.

Dale's professional career was dedicated to seeking truth and justice and championing the rights of victims of crime. His career in law enforcement began immediately after college with the Tallahassee Police Department. After a brief time with TPD, the Chief of Police sent him, on a temporary assignment, to the State Attorney's Office, Sixth Judicial Circuit, an assignment that would span more than three decades. He was known as the Dean of all State Attorney Chief Criminal Investigators throughout the State of Florida. Throughout his career, he received numerous awards for professionalism and service. However, his proudest accomplishment was his family.

As a champion water skier, Dale worked at Cypress Gardens during summer

months to help pay his way through college. Later he served honorably for 14 years in the Naval Reserves. Dale had a deep love for his Lord and Savior, his family, America, his Native American heritage, and Florida State University. He was an avid follower of his beloved Seminoles.

A man of unquestionable integrity with a servant's heart, Dale was a loving and devoted son, grandson, husband, dad and granddad. He was warm and welcoming to his children's friends and was beloved and cherished by his friends and family and the many people he helped through difficult times. All were welcome in his home. Both funny and patient, he was always an optimist, and will be remembered as a kind and good man who never met a stranger. A man of elegant tastes, he had an amazing smile and a unique ability to make a person feel special. He was old school: his word and his handshake were his bond. Relationships with his many friends brought him great joy and meaning. Many a man remembers Dale as his coach or mentor when he played Little League baseball or his time in Boy Scouts.

In later life, Dale enjoyed inspiring entrepreneurs to be true to their dreams and to never quit even when the going might get tough – his signature message was always: "Seize the Day"! His thrill was seeing others succeed.

Throughout his life, Dale was a warrior. He leaves a legacy of courage and integrity. Those of us who love him will always aspire to the standards he set; and those who knew him, will never forget him.

Dale is survived by the love of his life, Linda Corbett Croy of 56 years, his six children, Ed Croy of Melbourne, FL, Paul (Sue) Croy of Port St. Lucie, FL,

Lisa (Tim) Fulmer of Destin, FL, Dale III (Amy) Croy of Fairhope, AL, John David (Mitsy) Croy of Crawfordville, FL, and LeAnne (Brad) Chrischilles of Jacksonville, FL, 10 grandchildren, and 5 great grandchildren.

A Celebration of Life service will be held on Friday, July 15 at 2:00 p.m. at St. Peters Anglican Cathedral, 4784 Thomasville Road. Reception to follow. Susie Mozolic of Bevis Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements (850-385-2193 or [www.bevisfh.com](http://www.bevisfh.com)).

Memorial contributions to St. Jude's Children's Hospital, The Wounded Warrior Project or a charity of choice will be appreciated. The family wishes to thank Dale's caregivers and Big Bend Hospice for their concern, respect and care.

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

JUL 15. 2:00 PM (ET)

St Peter's Anglican Cathedral  
4787 Thomasville Road  
Tallahassee, FL 32309

# Tribute Wall

PH

“ *My husband & I met Dale at a business presentation in 1993. Immediate respect & awe of him, Linda & Leanne who we met later. I remember Dale's warmth & wisdom, Linda's (loving hands) & Leanne's smile. Rest in God's love, Dale.*

*John & Pam Howard*

*Mansfield, TX*

*Former associates.*

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**Pamela C Howard** - April 03, 2023 at 01:24 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Dale Edward Croy.*



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July 14, 2022 at 12:24 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Dale Edward Croy.*



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July 14, 2022 at 09:11 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Dale Edward Croy.*



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July 13, 2022 at 01:18 PM



“ *Meat & Cheese Wooden Gift Crate was purchased for the family of Dale Edward Croy.*



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July 12, 2022 at 03:11 PM



“ *Dale will always and forever fill a special place in our heart. He had a unique way of grabbing peoples attention with few words, "when Dale speaks people listen", you could hear a pin drop in a room full of thousands of people just waiting to hear what he had to say. Dale, we are so thankful for our time together and your gift of wisdom you shared with so many. Rest In Peace my friend.  
Love you,  
Mike and Lavon*

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**Mike Craig** - July 12, 2022 at 03:01 PM

TA

“ Dale was like a father to me. I'll never forget when he showed up at my place of work with a limousine and with his deep resonant voice said: "Tito let's get the hell out of here, you are retired now!" The owner of the company (my boss) was there with several office personnel. We went directly to Ruth Christ Steak House and I never returned to work, ever. Love you Dale!

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**Tito Aleman** - July 10, 2022 at 11:42 AM



“ Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Dale Edward Croy.



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July 07, 2022 at 09:08 PM

JL

“ Dale Croy has been a special part of our lives for over 45 years. We have cried and laughed together and shared amazing times... whether it was eating catfish on the river or wading in the bay for scallops or cooking burgers by the pool, it was always a joy to be with him. Win or lose, Florida State football game trips were the best of times! And, once your throat was cauterized, Dale's famous Bloody Mary's were the best we ever enjoyed. It's been written that a person never really dies until they are forgotten. Dale Croy will continue to be remembered for a very long time. Your friendship was a blessing to us.

*Judy and David Lee*

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**Judy Lee** - July 02, 2022 at 10:38 PM

SS

“ Dale Croy when I think of you I'm smiling. Your visits were a gift of joy. Always so excited to see you coming down my driveway. You had a way of making everyone feel valued and important. We've shared so many amazing and yes crazy times. Amway, Vi, FSU and family. Can not think of another man admired more. Love you Dale Croy and you are missed!❤️❤️ Sarah Smith



Sarah Smith - July 02, 2022 at 05:57 PM

GR

“ I first met Dale when he was the Chief Investigator for State Attorney Bill Hopkins. I was interning at the time in 1971. He was very good at teaching us the operations of the office and how to prepare a case. He was always cheerful, pleasant and helpful to the interns. I grew to respect him over the years based on his continued work with the State Attorney's Office and his dedication to doing what was right. My deepest sympathy to his family. Judge George S. Reynolds, III

George Reynolds - June 29, 2022 at 07:13 PM

MC

“ There are no words to truly express what having you in my world has meant to me. You were such a lovely blessing from the moment we met. It was my joy and honor getting to know and love you so much. You asked insightful questions, offered sound advice and were so quick witted. But it was that smile of yours....your smile was the best, it was infectious- it lit up the whole room! You made everyone you met feel heard and special, you were a beautiful soul. I know the angels are rejoicing with you among them, and I know I will all always have you with me through precious memories. Thank you for your love and cherished moments, Your "Itsy Bitsy" Mitsy

Mitsy Sellers Croy - June 27, 2022 at 10:08 AM

JC

“ He was the best grandpa a girl could ask for. He was such an amazing man, husband, father, grandpa. Poppie I am glad you got to meet Alyson, your great granddaughter. You had the biggest smile on your face that day I will never forget! I know it's been a long time but I never stopped praying and thinking of you. You've gained your wings and you are now our guardian angle. I love you so much and miss you dearly. I wish I could have seen you one last time. Goodbye poppie.

Love you,  
Jess

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**jessica croy** - June 26, 2022 at 07:27 PM

JC

“ Jessica Croy lit a candle in memory of Dale Edward Croy



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**jessica croy** - June 26, 2022 at 07:21 PM

LC

“ LeAnne Chrischilles lit a candle in memory of Dale Edward Croy



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**LeAnne Chrischilles** - June 25, 2022 at 03:12 PM

LC

“ *To my wonderful daddy,  
Thank you for always being there for me. You will always be the first  
man I ever loved. The first hand I ever held, and my one and only  
daddy! You were amazing and I am so blessed to have had you as  
my father.*

*Grief I have learned, is really just love, it's all the love you want to  
give but cannot. All that unspent love gathers up in the corners of  
your eyes, the lump in your throat, and in that hollow part of your  
chest, grief is just love with no place to go.*

*I will love you forever and ever daddy.*

*Love, Your Little Girl, LeAnne*



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**LeAnne Croy Chrischilles** - June 25, 2022 at 02:56 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for  
the family of Dale Edward Croy.*



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June 25, 2022 at 08:29 AM