



## David Butterick Stevenson

July 28, 1939 - April 12, 2024

David Butterick Stevenson was born on July 28, 1939, and died on April 12, 2024, at the age of 84 in Tallahassee FL. He is survived by his children Julie Stevenson (Steven) Kurisko and John Stevenson, and grandchild Rachel “Rowen” Kurisko.

David Stevenson was born in Detroit MI, the eldest child of Eugene and Cleora Stevenson. He had two younger sisters – Gail Stevenson Jurey and Leslie Stevenson Mann. He graduated with a B.S. in Urban Labor and Metro Affairs from Wayne State University in 1962 and was a member of Tau Kappa Epsilon fraternity. David and Mary Jean Martin were married on June 26, 1965, and lived in Alexandria VA, Buffalo NY, Irvington NJ, and Mayville ND before settling in Tallahassee FL. David earned two Master’s degrees along the way; one in Geography and another in Geology, the second received from Florida State University. He worked for the FL Dept. of Environmental Protection for 28 years before retiring.

David was a loving husband and father, a loyal friend, and a dedicated worker. He truly lived with a spirit of adventure. Throughout his life, he found opportunities for his family to travel the world and appreciate the Great Outdoors. David was a staunch member of the Church of Christ, Scientist,

participating in prison ministry as well as Big Brothers/Big Sisters of the Big Bend. He loved to laugh and had a fascination with how places got their names and the meaning of words. From a young age, he enjoyed performing onstage and appreciating the Arts as an audience member. His favorite genres of literature, radio, TV and film were Westerns and things that dealt with the mysterious or macabre.

A private memorial service will be held for the immediate family on April 20, 2024, at Bevis Funeral Home in Tallahassee. A larger gathering for friends and family will be held on a future date. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the First Church of Christ, Scientist of Tallahassee FL.

Kelly Barber of Bevis Funeral Home (850-385-2193 or [www.bevisfh.com](http://www.bevisfh.com)) is assisting the Stevenson family with their arrangements.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Condolences to David's family. I worked with David at DEP, Division of State Lands for several years before retiring. Very sorry to hear of his passing. May God bless. - Kathy Miklus*



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**Kathy H Miklus** - April 30, 2024 at 07:00 PM