



## Dearl Leon Hemphill

December 7, 1950 - June 21, 2024

Dearl Leon Hemphill went home to be with his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ on June 21, 2024 after a lengthy battle with Parkinsons/Lewy Body dementia, which my husband handled with grace and humility. In Dearl's closing days he was surrounded by his loved ones.

Dearl was born on December 7, 1950 in Philadelphia, Mississippi to Dearl Leon Hemphill II and Kate Dennis Hemphill, just a short time after his father was killed in action in North Korea. Psalm 68:5 promises God will be a Father to the fatherless and this was evident throughout his life.

Growing up, Dearl lived in Pensacola, the Canal Zone, where he became fluent in Spanish, and at Camp LeJuene, also as a child where the water contamination was the likely source of his illness. He was an Eagle Scout and obtained both an undergraduate and graduate degree at FSU where we met. While there he was a graduate assistant and a member of Sigma Phi Epsilon social fraternity.

After a short time in the financial industry, he was recruited by Merrill Lynch as part of the original office staff, located in what was then the Lewis State Bank building downtown. Dearl remained there for 38 years encompassing the roles of Investment Advisor, 1st Vice-President and Managing Director. His clients were often like family and he was involved in many facets of their lives. While

at Merrill, he consistently received many accolades and was well known and respected company wide.

Dearl was a member of the first class of Leadership Tallahassee and an original member of the Governors Club. He was active in Ducks Unlimited and Lake Iamonia DU, and was a member of Thomasville Road Baptist Church.

Dearl retired in 2012 and when his illness manifested a few years later he became a regular at Sweat Therapy Fitness, participating in "Rock Steady Boxing", a national program for the Parkinson's community. Kim Bibeau and staff were an integral part of managing his care. Thanks also to Dr. Tara Kimbason for her expertise and compassion.

My husband was a man of Godly character and enjoyed being with people from all walks of life. Dearl knew from whence his help came; it came from the Lord and Jesus was the author and finisher of his faith.

He is survived by his wife of over 50 years, Deidre Wood Hemphill, and children Ashley Hemphill, Tim O'Brien, Laura (Edward) Screven, Bethany (Logan) Webb, Grace (Dylan) Albergo, and Dearl (Katie) Hemphill, Jr. Also, twelve grandchildren and an additional one due in the coming year. His sister Diane (Steve) White and brother in law Marshall (Cynthia) Wood.

The funeral service will be at Bevis Funeral Home on Thursday, June 27, 2024 at 11am with visitation one hour preceding the service. A private family graveside service is planned. Thanks to pastor Curtis Clark for his kindness in officiating. Thanks also to the best caregivers; Elizabeth, Karina, Mary, Miriam, and Sherrethia.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a contribution to Sweat Therapy Fitness at 1122 Thomasville Road, Unit 5, Tallahassee, Florida 32303. (850) 222 - 1781. Lastly, thank you to my dearest husband, Dad and Papa for making a wonderful and exciting life for us, your family. We will see you again.

Susie Mozoic of Bevis Funeral Home is assisting the family with their arrangements. ([www.bevis fh.com](http://www.bevisfh.com) 850-385-2193)

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN 27. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

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

## Funeral Service

JUN 27. 11:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



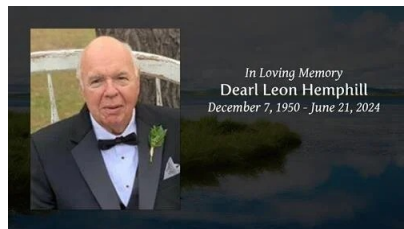
“ *Bevis Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Dearl Leon Hemphill*



Bevis Funeral Home - June 27, 2024 at 02:32 PM



“ *Bevis Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Dearl Leon Hemphill*



Bevis Funeral Home - June 27, 2024 at 12:19 PM



“ *Mary Cash lit a candle in memory of Dearl Leon Hemphill*



Mary Cash - April 23, 2025 at 09:13 PM

JP

“ *Dearl was very friendly person, he will help you any issues. He was my first stockbroker at Merrill lynch when I moved to Tallahassee 44 years ago and Facebook friend . My condolences to soft spoken Deidre. We will miss him. God bless him.. Jitendra & kokila Padalia*

Jitendra Padalia - July 02, 2024 at 07:19 PM

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“ 1 file added to the album Service Footage



Bevis Funeral Home - June 28, 2024 at 12:41 PM

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“ *Dearl, You were a kind and wonderful person. My husband, Ben, cherished your friendship and loyal guidance through many years. He enjoyed his time with you whether it was hunting at your farm, or in the fields of South America. His lunches with you and the Romeos were on his must do weekly list. He thought of you as a brother and loved you dearly. I appreciate the good times that we had together as couples. There are many wonderful memories. I cherish the friendship that we had with you and your dedicated, and loving wife. She is such a blessing to all of us. I pray that you, and Ben and Tam, are together sharing a beautiful time in the presence of our Savior's Love and Grace!*  
*Sincerely, Lynda Brogdon your Sister in Christ.*

lynda - June 26, 2024 at 12:52 PM

JW

“ You may be gone Dearl but you will never be forgotten. Thank you for allowing me to work with you.

Joy Williams - June 26, 2024 at 07:18 AM

RM

“ Rinker Materials purchased the Ocean Breeze S pray for the family of Dearl Leon Hemphill.



Rinker Materials - June 24, 2024 at 04:53 PM

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“ Rinker Materials planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dearl Leon Hemphill.

Rinker Materials - June 24, 2024 at 04:53 PM

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“ Terry Flanagan planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dearl Leon Hemphill.

Terry Flanagan - June 24, 2024 at 02:12 PM



“ Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Dearl Leon Hemphill.



June 24, 2024 at 02:12 PM

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“ My deepest sympathies to the entire family. I had the pleasure of working with Dearl for many years and truly enjoyed his intellect, wit, and generosity. He was one of a kind and a wonderful role model for his family. I have a couple of things that stand out that i remember about Dearl and that is the wonderful letter from his children he had proudly displayed in his office reciting how much they loved and admired their father. I have to laugh because he was know for his competitive spirit in the office and i don't think that is what they expected, but that was who he was. Second, he was just a nice man - i had a fender bender while in Tallahassee traveling to the office and he called his buddy who picked up and fixed my car within 24 hours and Dearl refused to let me pay for it, and arranged transportation for me. That is just the kind of guy he was! Now i have to admit he did put a dent in my work budget eating at the Silver Slipper lol (I think that was the name?) I'm gonna miss the old guy, like i have over the years, and i know how much he was loved by his friends and family. RIP Dearl you truly were one of a kind :)

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**Cecilia Remy** - June 24, 2024 at 01:27 PM