



Honorable Donald Scott Modesitt

November 26, 1944 - August 12, 2021

Former State Attorney and Leon County Judge, DONALD MODESITT, passed away on August 12, 2021, having suffered from an aggressive brain cancer. DON graduated from Florida State University in 1966 and married Nancy, his partner and soul mate for 55 years. He was a member of the first class of the FSU Law School in 1969. He served 2 ½ years in the U.S. Army and returned to Tallahassee in 1972. He served as an assistant State Attorney and assistant U.S. Attorney in Tallahassee before being elected State Attorney in 1979. He spent 15 years in private practice before being elected Leon County Judge in 1997 and retired in December 2006. Don was an adventurer. He loved to travel with his wife and experience new places. He was an avid and successful hunter and fisherman and was always ready to share his adventures by taking his extended family and friends with him. He was a good photographer and a great story teller and loved to show his pictures and talk about his experiences.

Don is survived by his wife, Nancy; his children Ginger Smith and Scott Modesitt (wife Kristen), three grandchildren, his sister Jacqueline Schindehette (husband Harry), his brother-in-law, Richard Aunspaugh (wife Marcia) and was close with many cousins, nieces, and nephews. A gathering of friends and loved ones will be held on September 10th from 5:30 to 7:30 at the Tallahassee Elks Lodge on Magnolia Drive to share stories and memories. Todd Wahlquist of Bevis Funeral Home (850-385-2193 or www.bevisfh.com) is assisting the Modesitt family with their arrangements.

Cemetery Details

Tallahassee National Cemetery

5015 Apalachee Parkway
Tallahassee, FL 32311

Previous Events

The Family Will Receive Friends

SEP **10**. 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM (ET)

Tallahassee Elks Lodge
276 N. Magnolia Drive
Tallahassee, FL 32301

Tribute Wall

W/

“ *Mr. Modesitt took my case long ago and he performed like a true attorney. I was found not guilty of all the charges. Rest in peace Mr. Modesitt.*

Wanda Franks /Brown - August 25, 2024 at 01:35 PM

TR

“ *I HAVE KNOW DON SINCE I WAS A SMALL CHILD.HE ALWAYS PUT A SMILE ON MY FACE.HIS FAMILY AND THE EMBRYS HAVE BEEN GREAT GRIENDS FOR OVER 50 YRS. HIS AND ALEX, FISH STORIES ARE TO MANY TO POST. WE LOVE HIM AND WILL MISS HIM.*

Tina Embry Robinson - September 06, 2021 at 07:10 PM

JD

“ *Uncle Don was a huge part of my life, especially growing up, and it is a huge blow to hear that he has moved on. Many of my happiest memories are of him as an outdoorsman - swimming in his pool with my sister, deep sea fishing, oystering, even a little lobstering in the Florida Keys. In recent years I had just gotten started in the stand deer hunting with Uncle Don too. But even more than that, I remember the master story teller; Uncle Don would come alive in one living room or another, usually a drink in one hand, an overwhelming grin on his face, exploring anything from the latest ridiculous turn in his court room to old history as a paratrooper, and anything in between. May he live on with us in our hearts and in our memories - he is dearly missed.*

James Dowdell - September 06, 2021 at 04:52 PM

RA

“ Great Memories! Don , R.I.P. and thanks for the deer hunts.
Your brother-in-law, Richard.



Richard Aunspaugh - August 28, 2021 at 10:12 PM

RA

“ Richard Aunspaugh comments: Brother-in-law, Don Modesitt and his friend, Don Dowdell, took me on the best fishing trip of my life!
Thanks Don (both Dons) for such wonderful memories!



Richard Aunspaugh - August 28, 2021 at 01:34 PM

AE

“ Don was a best friend, fishing and skin diving buddy for over 55 years. He will be dearly missed. attached are 2 photos of our last fishing trip together 6/3/2020

Alex Embry



Alex Embry - August 23, 2021 at 03:22 PM

NA

“ *Lifting up the entire Modesitt family in my thoughts and prayers. Have many happy memories of him - including how much Judge Modesitt loved to dance with his wife (and he was a great dancer too), and hearing about the many places he traveled to and visited. He knew he was loved and always said what a great life he had. He will be missed. May he rest in peace.*



Judge Nina Ashenafi Richardson

Nina Ashenafi-Richardson - August 23, 2021 at 12:52 PM



“ *Some of my favorite childhood memories are of my Uncle Don. He took me fishing, took me out in the woods and taught me about tracking deer, and taught me how to handle a gun safely. Later in my life he helped me through a contentious divorce and was always supportive and loving despite the situation. I grew up spending lots of time with Uncle Don, Aunt Nancy, Scott, Ginger and Aunt Marcia and Uncle Dick. They are all truly amazing people that I am blessed to call family. Uncle Don will be truly missed, and I'm thankful for every moment I had with him. Sending my love to everyone, Jen*

Jen Bridge - August 22, 2021 at 07:45 PM

BF

“ *Beverly Ferrell lit a candle in memory of Honorable Donald Scott Modesitt*



Beverly Ferrell - August 22, 2021 at 06:12 AM

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LES EPPERSON - August 16, 2021 at 08:43 PM