



## Donald A. Rett

June 10, 1937 - January 23, 2025

Donald Albert Rett (87) known to most as “Don” passed away January 23, 2025, in Tallahassee, Florida. He was born in Newark, New Jersey June 10, 1937, to parents Fred John Rett and Dorothy Kreiner.

Don graduated from Miami Senior High School in 1955, served in the US Army Reserves, and earned both his BBA then a Juris Doctor from the University of Miami Law School in 1973. Don moved to Tallahassee in 1975 to take a position with the Division of Securities, becoming the director through 1978. He subsequently moved into private practice for 40+ years.

All that knew Don will remember him for his love of Jimmy Buffett music, FSU sports, and St. George Island. He enjoyed playing softball and touch football until his knees and collarbone relented.

Don attended Good Shepherd Catholic Church in Tallahassee and was a member of The Florida Bar.

Survivors include his wife of over 30 years, Marilyn Zawada Rett; children Donald Anthony Rett (Laura); Jennifer T. Rett; Jonathan M. Rett (Colleen); Juliana Johnson; Bradley Yeomans; and Meredith Yeomans (Jesse Natividad); grandchildren Macklin Rett; Thelen Rett; Margaret Jane Rett; Keegan Rett; Sebastian Rett; Elena Rett; Vivian Natividad; Julian Natividad;

and friends whom he loved dearly.

A memorial service will be held at Bevis Funeral Home on Saturday, February 1, 2025, at 11:00am. A celebration will follow at the family residence. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Leon County Humane Society.

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

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

FEB 1. 11:00 AM (ET)

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

# Tribute Wall

NT

“ My condolences to Marilyn and the children. I was Don's secretary in 1993-94. Absolutely the best boss I've ever had. Also a wonderful human being and fun-loving guy. I love you, Don. You're forever in my heart.

Nina R Taylor - January 23 at 10:04 PM

KA

“ Karen Ardley-Austin(Babysitter) purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Donald A. Rett.



Karen Ardley-Austin(Babysitter) - January 31, 2025 at 12:38 AM

EM

“ I have not seen Don for so very long but in the mid-70's we were part of the Haverty's Bombers softball team, winning a couple of city championships! Don was a great guy and teammate too. At the time we both worked for the Comptroller. Godspeed old friend!

Ed Moore - January 29, 2025 at 11:29 PM

BW

“ To me Don was "coach". He changed my dressing habits by getting me to get rid of my Members Only jackets, taking pens out of my pockets. and selling me fashionable shirts out of his favorite BMW. All of his advice helped me "win" my wife Carly. Many fun Friday night TGIF's at Bonefish. Carly and I were fortunate to have celebrated Don's Big 8-0. Don will be missed by all who knew him.

Bruce Weddle - January 29, 2025 at 04:02 PM

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*We have so many wonderful fun memories of Don Juan (our special name for him) and will remember him always. Keeping his sweet wife Marilyn in our thoughts and prayers 🙏 we love u*

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**Susan Evans** - January 29, 2025 at 09:55 PM

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*Great memories of my time with Don. Touch football pick up games at Leon High, watching Jimmy Buffett and his Parrot Heads, enjoying the tranquility of St. George Island@ 300 Ocean Mile. Sending Prayers & best wishes to Marilyn and the entire Rett family!*

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**Howard Eisenman** - January 31, 2025 at 04:59 PM