



Frederick Michael Roche

January 10, 1940 - January 14, 2024

Frederick Michael Roche, 84 years young of Tallahassee, Florida, passed away on Sunday, January 14, 2024, at his home in Tallahassee.

Fred was born on January 10, 1940, to John and Arietta Roche in Jacksonville, Florida. After graduating from DuPont High School in Jacksonville, class of 1957, he joined the Air Force as a Radio Intercept Operator and served in Formosa, Taiwan. After completion of his service, he attended the University of Florida where he graduated with a bachelor's degree in accounting in 1968.

On June 12, 1993, he married Rebecca (Becky) Leach Goodwin. They celebrated their 30th wedding anniversary this past June. Prior to his marriage to Becky, Fred was married to Barbara (Lee) Allen. They had three wonderful children together.

He was a Certified Public Accountant and partner with the accounting firm May Zima of Daytona Beach, Florida. His move to Tallahassee was to help establish the May Zima office there. After some time with May Zima, he served as treasurer for Bob Grahams' successful Governor campaign. He was appointed Secretary of the Department of Business and Professional Regulations. He later served as Inspector General for the Florida Department of Revenue. He retired from Revenue in 2003.

After retiring, he and Becky traveled across this country and overseas enjoying the natural wonders of the world. Fred enjoyed spending time with his family and watching his children and grandchildren grow and thrive. He was a man who loved his family, the Gators and playing golf. He also loved serving in his church. He is preceded in death by his parents and siblings, John Ernest Roche, Helon Hartley Danese, and Betty Riggs.

Fred is survived by his wife, Becky Roche, her daughter, Carolyn Knight Boster (J.P.), his children, Kellee (Roche) Rumbough (Tim), Susan (Roche) Coxwell (Dennis), and Michael Roche (Stephanie), eleven grandchildren, two great grandchildren, and many nieces and nephews.

Visitation will be Friday, January 19, 2024, at 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. at Bevis Funeral Home, 200 John Knox Road in Tallahassee. His Celebration of Life service will be held on Saturday, January 20, 2024, at 2 p.m. at Faith Presbyterian Church with Trinity Whitley of Faith Presbyterian officiating.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to the Tunnels to Towers Foundation in memory of Fred.

Dayne Parker of Bevis Funeral Home (www.bevisfh.com or 850-385-2193) is assisting the Roche family with their arrangements.

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN **19**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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

Celebration of Life

JAN **20**. 2:00 PM (ET)

Faith Presbyterian Church
2200 North Meridian Rd.
Tallahassee, FL 32303

Tribute Wall

SR

“ Our deepest sympathy to you, Becky, and all of Fred's family. Fred was a wonderful person and will be greatly missed. Praying for all of you and sending love.

Sallie & Erik Robinson

Sallie Robinson - February 05, 2024 at 05:11 PM

AT

“ We moved to Tallahassee a little over 6 years ago and the first people to come and introduce themselves to my family were Fred and Becky Roche. We moved from Mississippi where we lived on 50 acres of land with no neighbors. Moving into to a subdivision and who we had for neighbors was a great concern for us. We prayed that we would have great neighbors, and was that prayer ever answered. We love Fred and Becky and are forever grateful that they are our neighbors. We are praying for the Roche family to have peace and comfort. We love you Becky and are here if you need anything.

Andy and Kristi Taylor

andy taylor - January 21, 2024 at 03:02 PM

BS

“ Becky and family---Very sorry to hear about Fred. Fred was the kind of friend that I always was close to even though we lived about 170 miles apart. He was a good lineman for the 1957 Dupont football team and held his ground with some players who were much larger than him. Janet & I will miss him and Becky. God speed, Fred. Bob

BOB SIKES - January 18, 2024 at 11:14 AM

PD

“ *My deepest sympathies, Becky. You and Fred shared many special moments through travel and family gatherings. May these bring you peace and some laughter. My prayers are with you and the family.*
Pat Desilet

Patricia McAllister Desilet - January 17, 2024 at 03:13 PM

BH

“ *Bob & Jenny Lindquist, Bob Hope purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Frederick Michael Roche.*



Bob & Jenny Lindquist, Bob Hope - January 17, 2024 at 01:22 PM

DP

“ *Thoughts and prayers to his family. Lou and I both knew Fred and worked with him at Department of Revenue. Always enjoyed the time we seen him. He will be a great angel in heaven.*

Debra Panebianco - January 17, 2024 at 12:38 PM

DA

Dear Becky, Michael and family: Our love and prayers to you! We are so sorry to hear this and have wonderful fun memories all those hours on the soccer fields! So many years ago but cherished memories for us! What a great and wonderful man ❤️❤️❤️🙏

diane and Rick Atkinson - January 19, 2024 at 02:31 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Frederick Michael Roche.



January 16, 2024 at 06:41 PM



“ Deborah Poppell planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Frederick Michael Roche.

Deborah Poppell - January 16, 2024 at 06:41 PM



“ Barbara, Mom, Charlie purchased the Sweet Tenderness for the family of Frederick Michael Roche.



Barbara, Mom, Charlie - January 16, 2024 at 05:55 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Frederick Michael Roche.



January 16, 2024 at 12:09 PM