



## George Edward Cothran

July 2, 1934 - June 27, 2022

George Edward Cothran lost his long courageous fight against Parkinson's disease on June 27, 2022. He was born on July 2, 1934, and grew up in the sawmill town that later became the papermill town of Foley, in Taylor County, Florida. His friends and family from Foley and Perry knew him best as "Ed." As a young teenager in Foley, he delivered newspapers and worked at the A&P. He graduated from Taylor County High in 1952, and as he often said, decided to attend FSU because the female to male ratio was 4:1. Many heard the story of how he soon spotted Anne Souter on campus, driving her Army Jeep, and declared he "would marry that woman." He was a man of his word.

George graduated from FSU with a B.S. in Business Administration. He married Anne shortly after graduation on the FSU campus in 1955, and was soon drafted to serve the Army in post-war Japan.

His first job was at Capital City Tallahassee Bank, as it was then known. Later he worked for Retail Credit Company as an investigator, which subsequently became known as Equifax. He spent his days on the road investigating claims in the Panhandle and his nights at a manual Underwood typewriter, typing triplicate carbon copy reports. After retiring from Equifax, he worked at the Florida Department of Financial Services, Federal Civil Rights Division, where he made many cherished friends.

When his wife, Anne, began to decline due to ALS in 2006 ("Lou Gehrig's Disease), George retired to care for her until her death in 2008, after more than 53 years of marriage.

George and Anne were active members of Tallahassee Heights United Methodist Church. In the 1970s, George accepted a dare to raise money for the Methodist Youth Group to travel to Haiti by rolling a peanut with his nose (on his hands and knees) from the parsonage to Mahan Road to raise funds for the trip. He wore a band-aid on his nose for weeks. He later traveled to Haiti with THUMC to help build a church and school in the mountains.

He is survived by his daughter Pamela Marsh and his grandson George Spencer Marsh of Tallahassee; his niece Monica Fuqua (Ken) of Tallahassee, and two nephews, Walter Hatchett (Phyllis) of Bainbridge, GA, and Charles Souter (Carrie) of Charlottesville, VA; one grand-niece Audra, and three grand-nephews Brandon, Tom and Joe. He was pre-deceased by his parents Albert and Nell McLeod Cothran; beloved wife, Anne Cothran; sister Gloria Hatchett and brother-in-law W.J. Hatchett; sister-in-law Merle Souter Doran and brother-in-law Dr. Michael D. Doran; brother-in-law Tom Souter and sister-in-law Janet Souter.

In lieu of flowers, the family would be grateful for donations to the Mayo Clinic, which supports research of both Parkinson's Syndrome and ALS, or to the First Amendment Foundation of Florida.

Donate to Mayo Clinic: <https://philanthropy.mayoclinic.org/donateMC>

Donate to First Amendment Foundation of Florida: <https://floridafaf.kindful.com/?campaign=357077>

The family will be receiving guests for a visitation at Bevis Funeral Home of Tallahassee on Thursday, June 30, 2022 from the hours of 10:00 - 11:00 a.m. with a graveside service at Roselawn Cemetery to immediately follow at

approximately 11:30.

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

# Cemetery Details

## Roselawn Cemetery

815 West Piedmont Drive  
Tallahassee, FL 32308

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**JUN 30.** 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

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

## Graveside Service

**JUN 30.** 11:30 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

CT

“ We were all blessed to have had the opportunity to work with George. He was full of life, love and joy. If you were around him, you couldn't help but to love him and respect him. You are a lucky woman to have had such wonderful parents. I am so sorry for your loss. Sincerely yours, Chris Taul

Chris Taul - June 29, 2022 at 11:57 AM

BW

Pam, George always conducted himself as great gentleman you genuinely loved his family, coworkers and the Lord. Ray and Chris have said it best! Heaven is a better place now that George is there.  
Bill Woodyard

Bill Woodyard - July 02, 2022 at 08:02 AM

PA

Thank you both for your comforting words and support.

Pamela - July 03, 2022 at 02:06 PM

MW

“ I always liked this guy and his wife Anne. They both were The Best people you could know, and what a team they made. I remember many years ago when I won a fishing tournament in Taylor County and it was in the paper, George called me up and ask for a loan...at first he had me going, then he told me about seeing the tournament results in the Taylor county paper. What a laugh we had... My wife, Ramona, and I are so sad to see that George is now gone. He was a true gentleman.  
mark and ramona worley

mark worley - June 29, 2022 at 10:55 AM

RW

“ Pam, it was my lucky day about 20 years ago when a tall, good looking man with a big smile ask me for a job. Among my many hires at the state George was as good as I did. When you throw Ann in the deal I was absolutely blessed for a long time. George and Ann would host luncheons for the FCR Unit that were the best. George would buy crab meat from my teenage son and make Crab Imperial. So good. George (through Walter) got me into several bass lakes and I cannot say how much me and my sons and friends enjoyed fishing over the years. We had a blast and I would always take George some fish which he really loved. I am from Madison County and I have known some really fine men in my time but no one tops George. He was a wonderful person and I admired him greatly. You are a successful, beautiful and accomplished person and are indeed the product of George and Ann. Their legacy lives on. I will see you on Thursday. Ray Williams

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**Ray Williams** - June 28, 2022 at 06:33 PM

PA

*Thank you sharing your memories with me, Ray. Dad loved his work and going to the office and his many friends there.*

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**Pamela** - July 03, 2022 at 02:05 PM

JS

“ Pam, I was so saddened to hear about your dad’s passing. However, those two lovebirds are together again now! 🙌🙌❤️❤� I still miss them both. June Stivers

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**june stivers** - June 28, 2022 at 10:24 AM

PA

*Thank you so much, June. I was blessed to have two wonderful, supportive, and loving parents. It is comforting to think of them together again.*

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**Pamela** - June 28, 2022 at 06:01 PM