



## George J Demetree

June 18, 1938 - December 11, 2012

George J. Demetree, 74, a loving, generous and caring, husband, father and friend died peacefully at Hospice House on December 11, 2012, surrounded by his family.

Born June 18, 1938 in Tallahassee; he graduated from Leon High School and Florida State University, where he enjoyed his time as a member of the Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity and met Ruth Heagerty, who he married on February 11, 1961. George ran the family business, Tallahassee Grocery Company, with his brother-in-law and later retired from the Department of Agriculture. He also spent many hours giving back to the community through membership on the Board of Directors for Casa Calderon; fostering babies through Catholic Social Services; volunteering at Tallahassee Memorial Hospital; and being a Eucharistic Minister at Good Shepherd Church.

During his 51 year marriage to Ruth, they loved to travel, socialize with friends and family, attend the theater, play cards, cook and host gatherings in their home. He loved to tell stories and laugh. Above all, he loved his girls.

He is survived by his loving wife, Ruth, daughters Maureen Barker (Glenn), Margaret Gowen (Jim) and Kathryn Harrell (Jason), 10 grandchildren: Scott, Kathryn and Lindsey Barker, Larry Gowen (Julie) and Patrick Gowen (Susann), Kelly Maxwell (Chris), Jessica and Janice Gowen, Julia and Jacob Harrell; 4 great grandchildren, his sister Juliette O'Connell (Robert), his Aunt, Lena Deeb, and many cousins, nieces and nephews.

The family would appreciate donations to Big Bend Hospice House and Good

Shepherd Catholic Church.

The family will receive visitors from 6 to 8pm on Thursday, December 13 with rosary at 7:45PM at Good Shepherd Catholic Church. The funeral mass will be Friday, December 14 at 11AM at Good Shepherd Catholic Church (4665 Thomasville Road, Tallahassee, FL 32309). Interment will follow at Roselawn Cemetery. Bevis Funeral Home is handling the arrangements (850-385-2193, [www.bevisfh.com](http://www.bevisfh.com))

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC **13.** 6:00 AM - 8:00 AM (ET)

Good Shepherd Catholic Church  
4665 Thomasville Rd.  
Tallahassee, FL 32309

## Service

DEC **14.** 11:00 AM (ET)

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