



Grinelle Edward Bishop Jr.

October 28, 1959 - December 17, 2022

Grinelle Edward Bishop Jr, devoted and beloved husband, father, son, brother, and uncle, left this life Saturday, December 17, 2022, with his life-long love, wife and best friend, Beth, by his side. He was 63. Edward (Ed) was born in Quincy, Florida on October 28, 1959 to his much loved parents, Grinelle E. (Sonny) and Colleen Bishop, their long-awaited son, their second child after seven years of hope and faith. Serendipity brought Ed and Beth together in Tallahassee, FL one evening when he saw her with friends at a restaurant. He always said, “It was love at first sight”, a love that continued unbroken and unshaken for almost 28 years.

Ed was a man of great love and faith. He was larger than life – a big man, sometimes called “Big Ed”, with a welcoming charm and personality, and a ready wit and laugh that drew people to him. He loved his family completely and unconditionally. He was an active presence in the lives of his two children in every way: listening, caring, encouraging, supporting, and correcting when needed. His love for his wife, Beth, daughter, Ashlyn and son, Drake was exceptional, as was his love for his Mom and Dad. Ed believed in the best of his children, and lovingly, often with infectious laughter, shared stories from his childhood and family history with wisdom and a lesson in humanity.

Ed loved life, people, animals, music, sports, and an old jeep named "Safari". He told stories about life, with a twinkle in his eyes and a smile on his face. His voice and demeanor changed when he was with children and animals, a gentle, soft spoken man appeared. He loved to sing and as a child began to share his wonderful voice, singing in choirs at the First Baptist Church in Quincy where he was baptized and joined his family in services weekly. He played the guitar and played it well, a member of a country band in Gadsden County as a young man. Ed played softball as a child and joined his Dad in winning numerous fast pitch softball games and tournaments until his Dad retired from the game at age 65. Safari was part of Ed – his jeep, part of his dream and unquenchable spirit.

Ed served the citizens of the State of Florida for 41 years, first as a police officer and firefighter in the Quincy Department of Public Safety, and then as a Legislative Analyst/Aide in the House of Representatives. He joined the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission Division of Law Enforcement in 1991 and found his career home there as a Legislative Analyst. Ed was well known for his knowledge and expertise, as well as his honesty and integrity – dependable and honorable.

Ed, Edward, loving husband, Dad, son, brother, and uncle is and will be sorely missed. Our Lord welcomed him home and his Mama met him again, her baby boy. He is in our hearts, minds and lives and we will see him once again with joy when that time comes. "And now abide faith, hope and love, these three, but the greatest of these is love." (1Corinthians 13:13)

Ed is survived by his wife, Beth Bishop, his daughter, Ashlyn Bishop, his son, Drake Bishop, his Dad, Grinelle (Sonny) Bishop, his sister, Connie Bishop-Reinhardt (William, "Bill") and nephews, Spencer Reinhardt (Vlada) and Bailey Reinhardt (Allison). He is also survived and loved by a great host of cousins

and close friends.

Services will be held on December 29, 2022, at 4:00 p.m. at Bevis Funeral Home, 200 John Knox Rd, in Tallahassee with Candace McKibben officiating. The family will receive visitors immediately following the services.

Kelly Barber of Bevis Funeral Home (850-385-2193 or www.bevisfh.com) is assisting the Bishop family with their arrangements.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

DEC 29. 4:00 PM (ET)

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

Reception

DEC 29. 4:45 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

WR

“ *Edward, a comical and friendly classmate, with a heart of gold! Until we meet again brother.*

william roberts - November 18, 2025 at 05:45 PM

WM

“ *Forever smiling*

Willie Pennick MD - December 31, 2022 at 05:27 PM

AH

“ *Edward the James A. Shanks class of 1977 will truly miss you. Much Love*

Amelia Holton - December 29, 2022 at 12:11 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Grinelle Edward Bishop Jr..*



December 29, 2022 at 11:30 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Grinelle Edward Bishop Jr..*



December 28, 2022 at 08:20 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Grinelle Edward Bishop Jr..*



December 28, 2022 at 07:50 PM



“ *Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Grinelle Edward Bishop Jr..*



December 28, 2022 at 04:46 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Grinelle Edward Bishop Jr..*



December 28, 2022 at 04:45 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Grinelle Edward Bishop Jr..*



December 28, 2022 at 03:41 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Grinelle Edward Bishop Jr..*



December 28, 2022 at 11:10 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Grinelle Edward Bishop Jr..*



December 27, 2022 at 08:05 PM



“ *One of the truly good guys, gone much to soon. I will always remember him with great affection. Bob Brantly*

Bob Brantly - December 27, 2022 at 07:45 PM



Carlos and I have such good memories of our Quincy days. Among these sweet memories are those of Edward. He kept us laughing much of the time! Our condolences to the Bishop family.

Cheryl Walden Gaskin - December 29, 2022 at 08:19 PM



Ed was such a great person. Always looking for that smile and connection. Ed was such an inspiration on his devotion to his family. There is no comparison with Ed, He was the Best!!

jackie Whitman - January 04, 2023 at 12:10 PM



“ *Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Grinelle Edward Bishop Jr..*



December 27, 2022 at 05:27 PM



“ *Tom, Lynn, and Shane Smith purchased the Bountiful Rose Basket for the family of Grinelle Edward Bishop Jr..*



Tom, Lynn, and Shane Smith - December 27, 2022 at 05:10 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Grinelle Edward Bishop Jr..*



December 27, 2022 at 04:32 PM



“ *Karen and Marion Lamb purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Grinelle Edward Bishop Jr..*



Karen and Marion Lamb - December 27, 2022 at 03:58 PM

SB

“ Sandy and Bob Brantly purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Grinelle Edward Bishop Jr..



Sandy and Bob Brantly - December 27, 2022 at 12:08 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Grinelle Edward Bishop Jr..



December 27, 2022 at 11:11 AM



“ Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of Grinelle Edward Bishop Jr..



December 27, 2022 at 10:17 AM



“ Magnificent Life Spray was purchased for the family of Grinelle Edward Bishop Jr..



December 26, 2022 at 08:04 PM

SB

“ *My condolences to Ed’s family and especially Beth, Ashlyn and Drake. How I enjoyed conversations with him about our kids when they were at Holy Comforter, as well as at Leon HS. How proud he was of his kids! And he always greeted you with a warm smile and a full, strong handshake in those large, welcoming hands!! Truly a great man taken much too soon. Rest in Peace Ed.*

Sal Blandino - December 26, 2022 at 04:13 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Grinelle Edward Bishop Jr..*



December 26, 2022 at 08:16 AM

 Debbie
Glover

“ *Ed always greeted you with a big smile and a tight hug. He was with us when our beautiful daughter was born and then 21 years later he sang at her wedding. I will never forget him. He was so full of love. Rest well dear friend.*

Debbie Glover - December 25, 2022 at 12:32 PM