



Jack M. Skelding, Jr.

June 11, 1944 - October 23, 2021

Jack M. Skelding, Jr. of Tallahassee, FL died peacefully surrounded by his loved ones on Saturday October 23, 2021 at age 77.

He was born June 11, 1944 in Austin, Texas the son of the late Jack M. Skelding and Judy Long Skelding of Birmingham, AL. He was the eldest of two sons. On September 14, 1985 he married Kim Standland of Tallahassee, FL. They brought their only child, Jacqueline Lee Skelding into the world in November of 1992.

Jack had a distinguished career that began when he graduated from the FSU College of Law in 1971 and joined the Madigan Law Firm as an associate. He was made a partner in 1975 and in 1977 the name of the firm was changed to Madigan, Parker, Gatlin, Swedmark and Skelding. During his nearly 50 years of practice, he represented a wide array of clients as legal, legislative and regulatory counsel— many for over 20 years. He proudly represented the Florida Sheriffs Association, the Florida Savings and Loan League, the Florida Manufactured Housing Association, The Wine Institute, The Seminole Tribe of Florida and Isle of Capri Casinos. He was a former president and founding member of The Governor's Club. He retired from the practice of law in 2018. He was not only accomplished in his career but also an avid pilot, motorcyclist, racing driver and a devoted father and husband.

He is survived by his wife Kim, his daughter Jackie, his cousin Nancy Bouse of Clearwater, FL and many beloved friends. A private memorial for family and close friends will be announced by invitation.

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

Tribute Wall

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“ Jack Skelding was one of the most influential men In my life. I started working at the Parker, Swedmark, Skelding costing an & Labasky law firm in 1983. I worked directly with Jack for 16 years. He was a masterful strategist, compelling debater and at his very best at negotiation. He was a brilliant lawyer and a friend. He loved his family, enjoyed life and lived it fully. He was a good man to his family, friends and to those less fortunate. Rest In Peace Jack.

David Eastman - November 01, 2021 at 02:38 PM



“ Jack was truly "one of the good guys" in the lobbying corps for decades. In the middle of constant turmoil Jack was one of those who always remained calm and totally professional and he was one of those who I always looked forward to having one of the "short chats" that are the hall marks of the profession. Jack's family and friends can certainly be proud of his accomplishments and the way he lived his life.

Jon Shebel - October 31, 2021 at 01:33 PM

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“ So sorry to hear this. Jack was very kind to me during my service with the legislature.

Lynn Koon - October 27, 2021 at 07:34 PM

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“ Jack was a very good lawyer, Husband and Father---Cheryl and I wish the Family the very best

Wilbur Brewton

Wilbur Brewton - October 27, 2021 at 01:55 PM