



Joseph Robert Boyd

June 26, 1949 - January 6, 2021

...no one had a better sense of self.

Joseph R. Boyd passed into eternal peace suddenly on January 6, 2021, with his wife of 41 years by his side.

Joe was born in Miami, Florida on June 26, 1949 to Joseph A. Boyd, Jr. and Anilouise Striping Boyd. He was one of five children: Joanne, Betty Jean, Jim, and Jane. The Boyd clan was as close as a family could be—bound by mutual love, respect, and joviality.

In good times or bad, Joe was always ready with a calming quip. His family and friends knew they could count on him for an atmosphere of fun and laughter. He worked hard, played hard, and loved with all his heart.

He achieved many goals in his life, but the force that drove him was family, friends, and his love of the law. Over the last year he worked tirelessly to keep himself, his wife, family, friends, staff, and clients safe from the pandemic. He was just as determined to continue practicing law. Adapting to new technologies as he did so often in his career, he handled one of the first multi-day family law trials in Tallahassee using Zoom. Joe did not die of this heartbreaking disease but in some way was a casualty. He always said, “Stay safe and believe in science.”

Joe started his career on the staff of the Judiciary Committee of the Florida House of Representatives from 1972-75. He was active with the Florida Bar for decades. As one of the only lawyers in Florida who was Board Certified as an expert in both Real Estate Law and Marital & Family Law, Joe was especially proud of his time on the Florida Bar's Board of Legal Specialization & Education, as a liaison to the Real Estate Certification Committee, and as a charter member on the Florida Family Law Rules Committee. He had been General Counsel to the Tallahassee Board of Realtors for over 30 years.

Joe loved the law and loved being an attorney. He considered the law a craft—a skill to be honed, like a woodcarver works with wood. He respected the law and the people he worked with throughout his career. Joe set his eyes on the law when he was young. He aimed to follow in his father's footsteps. He wanted to be a champion for clients in courtrooms and boardrooms alike. To those who loved and worked with him, the consensus is he succeeded beautifully.

Joe is survived by his wife, Sue; sons, Joseph R. Boyd, Jr. (Carrie) of Tallahassee and Jonathan W. Boyd (Shannon) of Largo, FL; grandchildren, Katherine R. Boyd and Victoria L. Boyd of Tallahassee, Gabriel W. Boyd of Peninsula, OH, Ethan Morrison of Granbury, TX and 9 month-old great-granddaughter, Violet. He had a special love for his cat Cindy who is still calling him and waiting.

Survivors also include his sisters, Betty Jean Jala (Dave) of Hoschton, GA and Jane Boyd Ohlin (John) of Tallahassee, FL, and brother, Jim Boyd (Laure) of The Villages, FL. The uncle (the funny, mischievous one) to nephews and nieces, James Goldman, Tom Goldman, Jason Jala, Joanne Jala Barnett, Stacy Boyd, Lindsay Rhodus, J.P. Bell, Cameron Ohlin and Ryan Ohlin.

He was preceded in death by his beloved parents, Joseph A. Boyd, Jr and Anilouise (Miss Ann) Striping Boyd, his sister, Joanne Boyd Goldman, his nephew, Matthew Boyd as well as his grandparents Joseph A. Boyd and Esther Puckett Boyd and John R. Stripling and Estelle Greene Stripling.

The family would like to give a special thanks to emergency medical responders and the emergency trauma unit at Tallahassee Memorial HealthCare who tried so hard to keep him with us.

The family would like to pay special tribute to the friends who have helped Joe throughout his life and are now helping his heartbroken wife, Sue: Dr. Rick Damron (retired); James and Mary Rudnick; Joe and Leslie Serpico; and so many more friends, former clients, and colleagues in the legal community that have reached out during this sad time.

There will be a private family graveside service for Joe on January 13, 2021. The family will honor Joe's dedication to keep his loved ones safe by following the CDC's guidelines during this time of mourning. A celebration of his life will be held at a later date, when all who loved him can meet in person.

In lieu of flowers, Joe would have preferred that donations be made, if desired, to one of his favorite charities: Shriners Hospital for Children c/o Marzuq Shrine Temple, 1805 N. Monroe St., Tallahassee, FL 32303; Alzheimer's Project, Inc., 301 E. Tharpe Street, Tallahassee, FL 32303 and Leon County Humane Society, 413 Timberlane Road, Tallahassee, FL 32312.

Rocky Bevis and Kelly Barber of Bevis Funeral Home (850-385-2193 or www.bevisfh.com) are assisting the Boyd family with their arrangements.

Cemetery Details

MeadowWood Memorial Park

700 Timberlane Rd.
Tallahassee, FL 32312

Events

Details are pending.

Tribute Wall

JL

“ I was so sorry to hear of the passing of Joe Boyd. He was always so friendly and positive in his dealings with everybody. One of those special people who never met a stranger. His professional accomplishments and public service are well known within the bar and real estate communities. My deepest sympathy to the Boyd family.

Jim Logue

Jim Logue - January 15, 2021 at 12:10 PM

JW

“ I was so very sorry to read of Joe's passing! I will miss running into him at lunch on a regular basis and I remember fondly the Miami Boat Show trips with he and Sue, along with some other friends. Joe will certainly be missed by so many! My prayers for peace and comfort are sent for all family and loved ones!

Jackie Wilson

Jackie Wilson - January 11, 2021 at 09:11 AM

RR

“ *Roberta Rubin*
5 minutes ago
Mr. Boyd was a prince of a person. I was so fortunate to have him as my lawyer. His kindness, ethics, honor, expertise, empathy, and warmth are rare and precious qualities in our world today. He will be sorely missed. I send my heartfelt condolences to his family.

Roberta Rubin - January 10, 2021 at 04:12 PM

JJ

“ Joe was always a great Uncle and someone I always admired. I have so many memories of going fishing with him and will always cherish the time he took out of his schedule to show a great time to all of us. He was hilarious and always had a great joke teed up for any situation. There is a good chance he's running a comedy club in heaven. Rest In Peace Uncle.



Jason Jala

Jason Jala - January 10, 2021 at 11:22 AM

AN

“ Andy & Jennet Nikitas lit a candle in memory of Joseph Robert Boyd



Andy & Jennet Nikitas - January 10, 2021 at 10:53 AM

GC

“ Deb and I are sorry to hear of Joe's passing. All our best to the Boyd family.

Greg Cowan - January 10, 2021 at 10:36 AM

RM

“ I've done work for Mr and Mrs Boyd, over the past few years, in their home and in Joe's office. Every interaction, with Joe, was pleasant and warm. I enjoyed knowing him and will remember him as the great man he was.

Ryan Mamazza - January 10, 2021 at 10:15 AM

MG

“ One of the greatest raconteurs. Always had a joke or great story and would appreciate one in return. When he needed to be serious and helpful his voice would change for a minute while lawyer Joe would kick in and then right back to masters of ceremonies. When he and Sue would walk in the door I knew fun would be just around the corner. Send love and hugs out to Sue. Joe will be severely missed!

mark goodwin - January 10, 2021 at 09:12 AM

PA

“ Your mama's son.... I loved Ann Boyd for a decade as we attended the caregiver's support group for folks with Alzheimer's. One day, when visiting her at her home, where her pink roses grew, she asked to take me to lunch. She drove across town in her 90's. assuredly and with no left turns, till we met up with Joe and his wife for a Sonny's lunch. The big lawyer I met was wiping BBQ off his mouth with a napkin! We all have so many sides. Joe lived his whole life, and I am pleased to have been a momentary part of it. Another squeeze for and with his wife, after the big one at Ann's service by that gorgeous splay of roses o'er her casket.

Peggy Adair - January 10, 2021 at 08:19 AM

SC

“ Mr. Boyd was the greatest boss ever. He was always happy and encouraging to those around him. Anyone who knew Joe Boyd loved him. He was a good man. So blessed to have had him in my life, as a boss and a friend. He will be missed. My prayers to the family.



Sandra Canada - January 09, 2021 at 02:29 PM

GN

“ *A genuine gentleman, great lawyer and a friend in the true sense of the word at all times. He will be missed by all that knew him. God bless Joe and all of his family in this difficult time .*

Gary and Denise Nagle - January 09, 2021 at 06:14 AM



Monique Jackson

“ *Monique Jackson lit a candle in memory of Joseph Robert Boyd*



Monique Jackson - January 08, 2021 at 03:42 PM

RS

“ *Randy Schwartz lit a candle in memory of Joseph Robert Boyd*



randy schwartz - January 08, 2021 at 10:56 AM

RS

“ *a great lawyer but more important a great man and friend*

randy schwartz - January 08, 2021 at 10:56 AM

DJ

“ He was a wonderful brother and will be ssssooo missed. Our family’s heart is broken. RIP dear brother. 😭



David & Jeannie Boyd Jala - January 08, 2021 at 01:36 AM

TB

"Heaven is so lucky to have gained Joe Boyd", the tears of sorrow will be felt for a long time for the ones of us he left behind and considered him a Forever Friend! Joe brightened any room that he entered! Joe is an exceptional lawyer and a brilliant man that will be missed greatly! Your family will be in our Thoughts and Prayers!

Tony & Teresa Bajoczky - January 08, 2021 at 03:04 PM

MJ

prayers to you and the family, Ms. Jeannie.

Monique Jackson - January 08, 2021 at 03:42 PM

VL

Your friendship was a blessing. Your memory will be a treasure. You will missed beyond words . My prayers to Sue and your family. Love Vicky Lewis

Vicky Lewis - January 08, 2021 at 07:07 PM

GC

RIP. Joe was honorable, ethical, always a terrific advocate for his clients, and for the law. Commodities in all too short supply these days.

Gordon Cherr

Gordon Cherr - January 09, 2021 at 06:40 AM

SC

Ms Jeannie, my heart is hurting for you and your family. Mr. Boyd loved his family so much. Please know you are in my prayers 🙏

Sandra Canada - January 09, 2021 at 02:34 PM

RD

Wonderful friend wonderful lawyer all around great and good man. He will be Long remembered and missed

Rick Damron - January 09, 2021 at 06:35 PM

RM

Joe was a lawyer's lawyer and a great guy. The world is a better place because of him. He will be missed terribly. Our condolences to the family. RIP Joe.

Ron and Judy Meyer

Ronald G. Meyer - January 09, 2021 at 06:48 PM

CT

I just learned of Joe's passing and am so saddened by the news. I will truly miss his quick wit and sound insight and advice. He was such a great guy and leaves a tremendous void for his family, friends and our state.

Carolyn Timmann - April 05, 2021 at 02:30 PM