



Joseph B. Cheatham

October 24, 1950 - December 2, 2025

Born October 24, 1950, Joseph “Joe” Cheatham was a proud Floridian who spent his life serving his community and the people he loved. He worked for many years at Gainesville Regional Utilities (GRU) before retiring, and later continued his public service with the City of Tallahassee, never quite ready to slow down. Joe found deep joy in his faith community at Trinity Methodist, especially singing in the choir, and he loved sharing local history while giving tours at Pebble Hill Plantation. A lifelong fan of Florida Gators sports, Joe cheered with steady loyalty and pride. He passed away on December 1, 2025, in Tallahassee, Florida.

Joe cherished time spent with loved ones. He looked forward to visits with his grandchildren in Houston and treasured time spent in the mountains of North Carolina, a place he truly loved. He also adored his dogs, who were constant companions and brought him comfort, joy, and laughter throughout his life.

He is survived by his son, Jonathan Cheatham (Valen Cheatham); his daughters, Kimberly Cheatham (Jason Lombard) and Jennifer Cheatham; his grandchildren, Addison Cheatham and Olivia Cheatham; his wife, Joni Cheatham; his children’s mother, Retta Cheatham; his brother, Buddy Cheatham; and his nephew, Tim.

Joe will be remembered for his kindness, humility, and the steady, understated

way he showed love to those around him. His legacy lives on in the countless lives he touched through simple acts of generosity and unwavering support.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Joe's memory to Pebble Hill Plantation, 1251 US-319 South, Thomasville, GA 31792.

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