



Joseph Morton Paisley Sr.

August 18, 1940 - August 29, 2015

Joseph Morton Paisley, Sr., 75, passed away August 29, peacefully at his home. Born August 18, 1940 in Clarksville, Tennessee where he was born and raised. He graduated from Clarksville High School in 1958. After living in Nashville, TN until 1972, he moved and made Tallahassee his home. Mr. Paisley was a leading pioneer in the civil rights movement, working direct negotiations with Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and his staff on the Memphis Sanitation Strike of 1968. In Tallahassee he served as a regional director for the Labor Union.

Mr. Paisley was passionate about his family, the Florida State Seminoles, and trips to Biloxi. He was known for welcoming anyone into his home and making sure they never went hungry. He was devoted to Good Shepherd Catholic Church, where he served as a head usher for many years. Mr. Paisley was always upbeat and had a smile on his face. He was loved by many and will be missed by all.

Mr. Paisley was preceded in death by his parents, Mort and Minnie Yarbrough Paisley; two sons, Joseph Morton Paisley, Jr., and Gerrold Reaves Paisley; significant other, Jean Lane Knowles; and brother, Jack Lewis Paisley.

He is survived by the mother of his children, Sandra F. Sheilds; children, Sandra Lynn Carroll (Joseph Gilliam), Joseph Masterson Paisley, John Michael Paisley (Andrea D), Erika D. Brammer (Thomas), Christian D. Staley (Tyler), he raised his granddaughter, Jennifer M. Paisley, as his daughter; 9 additional grandchildren; numerous great grandchildren; his sister, Mary

Elizabeth McIntosh (Don), and brother, Mort Paisley, both of Clarksville, Tennessee.

The funeral mass will be held Wednesday, September 2, 2015 at two o'clock in the afternoon at Good Shepherd Catholic Church, 4665 Thomasville Rd, Tallahassee, FL 32309, A reception will follow in the Parish Hall. Elizabeth Chambers and Rocky Bevis of Bevis Funeral Home are assisting the family with their arrangements (850-385-2193, www.bevisfh.com)

Previous Events

Funeral Mass

SEP 2. 2:00 PM (ET)

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

Tribute Wall

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“ *Wishing you peace to bring comfort, courage to face the days ahead and loving memories to forever hold in your hearts.*

*Susan Anne Paisley
Judy Paisley Ellis*

Susan Paisley - September 05, 2015 at 08:26 PM

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“ *Lori & Lee Wingfield lit a candle in memory of Joseph Morton Paisley Sr.*



Lori & Lee Wingfield - September 02, 2015 at 08:05 AM

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“ *I've known Joe for over 12 years, and my hubby has known both Joe and Jean for over 30 years.....he was a beautiful soul, a loving man to Jean and a loving grandparent of Jenny! He was always full of life, fun and love!!! We will miss you, our very dear friend.....Loved you then and always will!!!!!!*

Carol & Bruce Longman

Carol & Bruce Longman - September 01, 2015 at 04:03 PM

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“ I remember the first time I met Joe, I was wearing a military uniform and from that day on he called me Rambo, always in good humor, I have been a guest in his home, eaten at his table, his generosity was endless only to be outmatched by his good humor and positive outlook on life. Joe was one of those people in my life that no matter how often I think of him it will be with a smile. Rest in peace Joe and may the family find comfort in the knowledge that he will be missed by many.



Margarita T Ruiz - September 01, 2015 at 08:15 AM

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“ Wonderful father-in-law for many years and a wonderful grandfather to my four daughters. You will be missed. Love you XOXOXI

Susan M Paisley - August 31, 2015 at 07:49 PM



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