



Kevin O'Donovan Askew

May 13, 1963 - April 28, 2022

Kevin O'Donovan Askew, 58, the son of former Florida Governor Reubin Askew and First Lady Donna Lou Askew, died in Tallahassee on April 28th after a noble and courageous lifetime battle with cancer. He was a beloved son, husband, father, and grandfather and a dedicated career social worker in public service whose professional path was driven by his lifetime concern and compassion for children.

He was born on May 13, 1963 and during the eight years of Governor Askew's tenure (1971-78), he grew up in the Governor's Mansion, along with his sister, Angela. Kevin was a social worker for the State of Florida for over 30 years, retiring from the Guardian Ad Litem program. He truly loved his family and was dedicated to his church, Faith Presbyterian, serving as an Elder and Deacon. He was compassionate about many good things, especially when it came to protecting children through his work and being an amazing father to his son and stepchildren.

Kevin was born with a genetic cancer called Neurofibromatosis. Although he started exhibiting signs of tumors at an early age, his first treatment and surgery did not happen until 1992. From there, he was in remission until 2010. Then, in 2019, his cancer returned and Kevin was battling it every step of the

way until his death. Kevin was a fighter and the words “give up” were never in his vocabulary.

He is survived by his wife Christine, mom Donna Lou, stepson Michael and stepdaughter Elizabeth, son Jordan, sister Angela (spouse Jerry); 3 nieces Rachel (spouse Bo), Olivia (spouse Carlos), Jamie (spouse Clark), 4 great nephews: Brooks, Wiley, Mason, Merrick, 1 great niece, Vivian, and granddaughter Blair. Kevin was preceded in passing by his father, Governor Askew.

Due to his strong faith, Kevin was at peace and had long ago handed everything over to our Lord. He knew he was going to heaven to see his Earthly father and Heavenly Father. Rest in peace Kevin. You are dearly loved and will always be remembered by all who knew you and your devoted wife, Christine, says she loves you and “you will always be with me.”

The funeral service will be at 2:00PM on Thursday, May 5, 2022, at Faith Presbyterian Church, 2200 N. Meridian Road in Tallahassee with a reception immediately following in the fellowship hall. Interment will be at 11:00AM (CDT) at Bayview Memorial Park, 3351 Scenic Highway in Pensacola. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that anyone please make a donation in Kevin’s name at one of the following: <https://www.nfnetwork.org/contribute/contribute-online/> or mailed to the NF Network, PO Box 1530, Wheaton, IL 60187.

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

Previous Events

Funeral Service

MAY 5. 2:00 PM (ET)

Faith Presbyterian Church
2200 North Meridian Rd.
Tallahassee, FL 32303

Tribute Wall

CM

“ I knew Kevin as he was my case worker during my teenage years at Great Oaks in the early 90's and got me placed at Boys Town where I thrived. I'm very grateful for his dedication and service. He never talked down to me. Instead, he spoke with me. I always wanted to tell him Thank you.

Carl Mett - August 27, 2024 at 06:36 PM

SS

“ My sincerest condolences go out to the Askew family. I have fond memories of the years Kevin and I worked together. Rest in Peace Kevin!



Shelly Seabrook - May 15, 2022 at 02:08 PM

JP

“ Many Condolences to the family and to Christine. May the Lord Bless and comfort you all in his passing. From a member of Women Veterans Unite, Janet E. Powell,

Janet E. Powell - May 03, 2022 at 04:24 PM

OP

“ Olivia & Carlos Prieto purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Kevin O'Donovan Askew.



Olivia & Carlos Prieto - May 02, 2022 at 10:28 PM

BC

“ We are so sorry to hear this Christine...Our deepest sympathies to you and all Kevin's family....Please know your family here at the FSU SVC has you all in their thoughts and prayers and are here for you....

Becky Culp - May 02, 2022 at 11:27 AM

FA

Our prayers and solidarity for the Askew family in these moments of pain. May God have Kevin by his side in eternal glory.

Familia Prieto Adrianza - May 02, 2022 at 08:08 PM

SR

Godpeace....

Sonnie Rowan - May 03, 2022 at 04:10 PM