



Judge Kevin John Carroll

April 16, 1955 - March 15, 2023

Our beloved Kevin John Carroll, age 67, passed away on March 15th from sudden cardiac arrest.

Kevin was born April 16, 1955, in Dover, New Hampshire but spent his formative years in West Palm Beach, FL, after moving there with his mom and two brothers in 1965. He left Florida to attend Auburn University where his blood turned orange and blue before going on to Ole Miss Law. Kevin moved back to West Palm to begin his career as a trial attorney, and it was there where he met his wife, Lane.

Kevin and Lane moved to Tallahassee in 1992 where he established his reputation as a consummate lawyer and practiced for 20 years before being appointed as circuit judge. He was extremely proud to serve as a judge and loved his job, approaching each case with the utmost fairness and compassion. The only title he loved more than judge was that of Dad. Kevin loved his family deeply and was the most wonderful husband and father. He was extremely proud of his children and made sure that they knew and felt that.

We will carry with us Kevin's love of Auburn football, the Grateful Dead, black labs, and St. George Island. Kevin loved his weekend clay shoots with his buddy Richard Bevis, camping with his kids, fishing, and just overall basking

in the simple things in life.

Kevin was preceded in death by his parents Susan Cameron Watson, Jack Watson, and Harry Carroll; parents-in-law, Beth Arnold McGehee and E. Martin McGehee; sister-in-law Betty McGehee, as well as his beloved black labs Buddy and Winston and his hero Jerry Garcia. Survivors include his wife of 38 years, Lane (McGehee) Carroll; daughter Kasey Carroll of Austin, TX; son Drew (Liz) Carroll of Nashville, TN; brother Gary (Nona) Carroll of Wellington, FL; and brother Brian (Cherie) Carroll of Carmel, ME. He is also survived by his step-siblings John (Lana) Watson, Roy (Cathy) Watson, Harriett Watson, and countless friends.

Service will be held at 3pm on Wednesday, March 22nd at St. John's Episcopal Church in Tallahassee. Reception to follow.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to the American Heart Association. We also ask that you consider giving a wholehearted "war eagle" to anyone you pass by in Auburn gear, picking out the perfect card for a loved one's birthday, reading some Hemingway, or asking the bartender for a "frosty cold draft Budweiser."

Please see a more in-depth memorial on everloved.com

Previous Events

Funeral Service

MAR 22. 3:00 PM (ET)

St. John's Episcopal Church
211 North Monroe St.
Tallahassee, FL 32301

Reception immediately following the service

MAR 22. 4:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

JO

“ Great man and always joyful, he did not send me to jail despite prosecutor Fernandez in Tallahassee suggesting I go for something I did not do. I appreciated that. May he rest in peace.

Johnson - June 28, 2023 at 02:19 AM

SP

“ Judge Carroll presided over the my most recent jury service. His explanation of the importance of our service smoothed over the fact that I had to serve for 3 days with a broken arm. He was compassionate and sweet with a remarkable sense of humor. May he Rest In Peace.

Sheila Peace - March 22, 2023 at 12:34 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Judge Kevin John Carroll.



March 21, 2023 at 07:51 PM

MM

“ Dear Lane, Kasey, and Drew...we cannot express what Kevin meant to our family. Our hearts ache for you, dear friends. We will always remember the sweetness and gentleness that was so much a part of this wonderful human being. Alcy and I will always remember him with love and gratitude. Till we meet again, Kevin.

Maggie Manning - March 21, 2023 at 02:47 PM



“ *Fiery Lily and Rose was purchased for the family of Judge Kevin John Carroll.*



March 21, 2023 at 02:41 PM



“ *Heavenly Grace Spray was purchased for the family of Judge Kevin John Carroll.*



March 21, 2023 at 12:45 PM



“ *Your work family purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Judge Kevin John Carroll.*



Your work family - March 21, 2023 at 10:19 AM



“ *Heavenly Grace Spray was purchased for the family of Judge Kevin John Carroll.*



March 21, 2023 at 08:11 AM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Judge Kevin John Carroll.



March 20, 2023 at 09:03 PM



“ Treasured Lilies Spray was purchased for the family of Judge Kevin John Carroll.



March 20, 2023 at 05:20 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Judge Kevin John Carroll.



March 20, 2023 at 02:50 PM



“ Large Basket Garden was purchased for the family of Judge Kevin John Carroll.



March 20, 2023 at 01:31 PM

CF

“ Collins Law Firm, Monticello, Florida purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Judge Kevin John Carroll.



Collins Law Firm, Monticello, Florida - March 20, 2023 at 10:03 AM

SK

“ Sam King purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Judge Kevin John Carroll.



Sam King - March 20, 2023 at 09:57 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Judge Kevin John Carroll.



March 19, 2023 at 07:02 PM

MB

“ Judge Carroll, I was at Peterson Bernard in WPB while you were there. You moved to Tally in 1992 and we moved to Tally in 1994. Imagine my surprise when I saw you at Ausley & McMullen right across from Mr. Conrad's office. You were one of the kindest, sweetest, most gentle person. You treated everyone with respect and integrity, even support staff. You truly were Christ's feet in this world. I called Mary Carter to let her know. My sincere condolences to your family and all those that knew and loved you.

Marlene M. Brewer - March 19, 2023 at 01:44 PM

JP

“ Judge Carroll, you were such an easy to talk to and nice man. I enjoyed when you were assigned to Wakulla County and miss working with you. You made everyone feel welcome and were funny too! You always had certain sayings in court that I could count on and you'd make me laugh when you'd tell us you would go by Walmart on your way home for the skeet shoots that were harder to find in town. We will miss you! My condolences to your family.

Jessica Peak - March 18, 2023 at 10:02 PM

CF

“ Kevin and Lane were our neighbors across the street and our kids were the same ages . I always loved having their family over, Kevin always was full of great stories, and great wine!
Haven't seen Kevin in many years, but I will always remember his passion for Auburn and his family. God has you now sweet man, rest and be in peace.
Connie Bennett Farish and family

connie fsrish - March 18, 2023 at 07:32 PM

KB

“ My deep condolences to the Carroll/Watson family. I was a fellow lawyer and school mate with Judge Carroll during his West Palm Beach days. We were waiting at a crosswalk across from the Palm Beach County Courthouse one afternoon and I was relating to Kevin some stressful experience and he then shared with me a bit of his homespun wit. He told me to just remember, "they can't take away your birthday." In my mind I have fallen back on that witty statement for comfort when confronting stress. Fortunately, I did have the good fortune to tell Kevin how much that chance meeting meant to me. As you can see at age 69 I still remember that moment and it obviously meant a lot to me.

Kevin Beuttenmuller- Tallahassee, Florida

Kevin Beuttenmuller - March 18, 2023 at 05:17 PM



“ *Fiery Lily and Rose was purchased for the family of Judge Kevin John Carroll.*



March 18, 2023 at 03:16 PM