



Mark Boyd Krause

March 20, 1936 - October 18, 2023

Our beloved father, Mark Boyd Krause, age 87, passed away to join his loving wife, Shirley, in heaven, surrounded by his family on October 17, 2023.

He was born in Tallahassee, FL, at the home of his grandfather Mark Frederick Boyd, to Ausley Calvin (A. C.) Kelley and Mary Boyd Kelley. After his father's untimely death in 1946, Edgar Louis Krause married his mother and adopted both Mark and his younger brother John Patrick in 1958. After graduating from Leon High School in 1955, he entered military service in the U.S. Airforce for four years, with two spent in Japan as a non-morse intercept operator in the USAF Security Service. After his military service, Mark worked for Culley's Funeral Home and Ambulance Service. Mark also attended Florida State University from 1959 – 1962 studying general education and business courses.

During one of his transports to Tallahassee Memorial Hospital, he saw his future wife, Shirley, who was a nurse there, standing outside the elevator. Mark asked a mutual friend, Bartow Rainey, to introduce them and the rest was history. They wed on June 4, 1961, and their love affair continued for 62 years.

Mark spent his career in the mobile home industry and construction field. He

retired from the City of Tallahassee as Engineering Chief of Construction Administration in 2002.

Mark found joy in creating “woodworking masterpieces”, making many cherished furniture pieces, including the breakfast table where family meals were shared, a fabulous baby cradle for his grandchildren which will be passed along to future generations, and many more. Mark and Shirley loved traveling to Europe, Alaska, Costa Rica, and Canada. They were dedicated to Faith Youth Mission trips and traveled to Haiti, Brazil, and Guatemala. He was a fantastic grill meister, cooking many special meals for family and friends, and was passionate about sharing those talents to help feed the homeless and less fortunate. He was fiercely protective of his family and dear friends and offered sage advice on a life well lived to his children, grandchildren, and countless others.

In addition to Shirley, Mark was preceded in death by his parents, A.C. Kelley, Mary Boyd Kelley Krause, his stepfather Edgar Louis Krause, his baby sister Mary Kathryn Kelley, and his brother John Pat Krause. He is survived by his two children, Mary Kay Rutan (Sean), and Matt Krause (Allyson), and grandchildren Zachary Hollingsworth (Emilee), Katie Hollingsworth and Katie’s fiancé Ethan Butler. In his final days, Tallahassee TLC LLC, owned by Sheryl Burgess, caregivers Tina, Anissa, “Meka”, and Jackie provided loving support and companionship to “Mr. Mark”, and we are forever thankful to them.

A celebration of Mark’s life will be held at Faith Presbyterian Church, 2200 N. Meridian Road, Tallahassee Florida, on Wednesday, October 25 at 3:00 p.m. Mark, not a fan of “formal affairs,” would like those who are able to attend to “come as they are – blue jeans are welcome!”

Family and friends are invited to join the Krause family following the service for refreshments and sharing of memories at their home, 6204 Pisgah Lane,

Tallahassee, FL.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to Big Bend Hospice, Donate - Big Bend Hospice Foundation (charityproud.org) Faith Presbyterian Church, Manna on Meridian, or charity of choice.

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

Previous Events

Celebration of Mark's Life

OCT **25**. 3:00 PM (ET)

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

Reception

OCT **25**. 4:00 PM (ET)

Krause Residence
6204 Pisgah Lane
Tallahassee, FL 32309

Tribute Wall



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mark Boyd Krause.* ”



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