



## Martha Beauchamp Scruggs

August 13, 1955 - December 6, 2021

On December 6, 2021, Martha Beauchamp Scruggs passed away at Tallahassee Memorial Hospital surrounded by her family. She was 66 years old.

Martha was born on August 13th, 1955 in Marianna, Florida to James Perry Beauchamp and Iris Marguerite Gatlin Beauchamp. She was the youngest of four sisters; Marguerite (Victor) O'Donnell, Judy (Gary) Yancey, and Susan (Wayne) Smokay. She lived her life in Tallahassee where she met her husband Phil Scruggs while attending Fellowship Baptist Church. They both have remained life-long members. The two were later joined in marriage on May 10, 1975.

Anyone who knew Martha and Phil knew that the two were inseparable long before their marriage began. They shared 46 beautiful years together and had three children. Leslie (Jimmy) Allen, James-Jay (Liz) Scruggs, and Sean Scruggs.

When Martha was not building a family, she was working to make the world a better place with the Florida Department of Juvenile Justice and later Department of Corrections. She dedicated her career to helping others through rehabilitation programs and spearheading substance abuse programs in Florida and Georgia. For those blessed enough to know her, she was a rocksteady foundation of love, strength, and care.

Martha loved her family. She was always the first to meet you at the door and the last one you saw standing and waving in the driveway as you left. You

could always find her in the kitchen cooking. She enjoyed cooking and trying new recipes with her family by her side. She loved cooking, especially for others. When she was not preparing for family gatherings, she would often be deep in conversation making the entire room light up.

As her children grew up, she instilled this same faith, compassion, and love for others in them as well. As her children went into the world, she would frequently be consulted for her wisdom and counsel. Even if she did not have all the answers, she sought them through prayer and encouraged her family to do the same.

As life went on, Martha was blessed with seven grandchildren: Emma, Eli, Dylan, Laura, Iris, Lincoln, and Kane. To these little ones, she was known as Nana. Their Nana spoiled them with sweets, funny stories about their parents, and most of all, an abundance of unconditional love.

By her side, she had her husband and best friend with her every step of the way. The two had an unbreakable bond that still lives on. If you ever called her to ask a question, you would commonly hear the same sentence before getting any kind of answer, "Phil, come here, what do you think...". They were teammates in every way. As we continue forward, Martha will be missed, but she will continue to live on in heaven and in our hearts. She was preceded in death by her father; James Perry Beauchamp and her mother; Iris Marguerite Gatlin Beauchamp.

The family will receive friends from 10:00 AM until 11:00AM, with the service following on Monday, December 13th at Bevis Funeral Home, 200 John Knox Road in Tallahassee. For those unable to attend, the service will be livestreamed via the funeral home website <https://www.bevisfh.com/obituaries/Martha-Scruggs-5/#!/PhotosVideos>. Burial will follow at Pope Cemetery in Sneads at 1:00 PM (CST).

Kelly Barber of Bevis Funeral Home of Tallahassee (850/385-2193 or [www.bevisfh.com](http://www.bevisfh.com)) is assisting the Scruggs family with their arrangements.

# Cemetery Details

## Pope Cemetery

Sneads, FL

# Previous Events

## The Family Will Receive Friends

DEC **13**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Bevis Funeral Home & Crematory  
200 John Knox Rd  
Tallahassee, FL 32303  
(850) 385-2193

## Funeral Service

DEC **13**. 11:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Bevis Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Martha Beauchamp Scruggs*



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**Bevis Funeral Home** - December 13, 2021 at 09:48 AM



“ *Martha was a sweetheart and she will be missed*

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**Carolyn Barnes** - December 16, 2021 at 02:00 PM



“ *Deepest sympathies. That was a very moving funeral service.*  
*Kathy Pope*

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**Kathy Pope** - December 13, 2021 at 11:45 AM



“ *Ms. Martha was a pistol! She told it straight and was fiercely loyal. She raised a beautiful family that never doubted they were loved and cared for by her each and every day. Sending our deepest condolences to Leslie, Jay, and Sean and their families.*



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**Marleni Bruner** - December 13, 2021 at 10:42 AM

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“ I worked with Martha for a number of years when I was at DISC Village. She was a great champion for at-risk children and their families. I respected her as a colleague and counted her as a friend. Though we lost touch after I left DISC Village, I am grateful to have known her. I remember how proud she was of all her children and how deeply she loved Phil. My condolences to the whole family. May your memories bring you comfort.

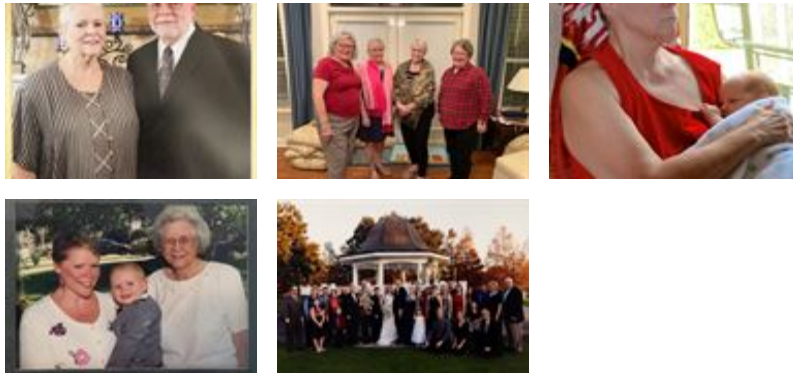
*Gail Dixon*

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**Gail Dixon** - December 13, 2021 at 10:30 AM

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“ 109 files added to the album LifeTributes



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**Bevis Funeral Home** - December 13, 2021 at 09:16 AM

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“ Kathy Nelson lit a candle in memory of Martha Beauchamp Scruggs



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**Kathy Nelson** - December 11, 2021 at 04:57 PM

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“ I met Martha in 1977. She was a hoot! Loved her smile and her laughter. Dedicated to helping children in troubled needs. Winnie, Martha and I would meet for lunch and of course an hour was never enough. Phil was the rock behind this great lady. She will be missed. Taken to young. But I am sure she is happy to see her mom and dad again. RIP Martha.

Frances Provost - December 11, 2021 at 10:20 AM

PS

“ Paul and Nikki Spedero purchased the Joyful Memory for the family of Martha Beauchamp Scruggs.



Paul and Nikki Spedero - December 10, 2021 at 10:21 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Martha Beauchamp Scruggs.



December 10, 2021 at 08:15 PM

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“ Your FWCC Family purchased the Love Everlasting Bouquet for the family of Martha Beauchamp Scruggs.



Your FWCC Family - December 10, 2021 at 10:53 AM