



## Michael Anthony DeGennaro

May 6, 1942 - June 23, 2024

Michael Anthony DeGennaro (82) passed away on June 23, 2024 in Tallahassee, Florida. He was born on May 6, 1942 in Cincinnati, Ohio. Orphaned at 10 years old, the former Michael Hillman was lovingly adopted along with his three sisters by Rocco and Betty Jean DeGennaro. Michael proudly served in the United States Marine Corps from 1960 – 1964 and was a student at Florida Atlantic University as well as the New York Institute of Technology.

In 1965, Michael married Judith Lee Allen and enjoyed 27 years of marriage until her passing in 1992. Not long after, he ran into Beverly Rose White on a local running trail and recounted that he felt “born again” after meeting her. They married in 1994. Together, they were founding members of St Peter’s Anglican Cathedral. During his career, Michael was a commercial pilot and a flight instructor. He later worked at Pratt & Whitney in their Engineering Operations department and retired after 32 years of service.

When he wasn’t working or spending time with his family Michael enjoyed running, especially long distance. He competed in many 5K or 10K club races during his membership with the Palm Beach Runners Club and Gulf Winds Track Club, as well as proudly completing several marathons and half-marathons. Michael was also a member of the Tallahassee Rifle and Pistol Club. He will be remembered for his wit, humor and perseverance even when

faced with great adversity.

Survivors include his cherished wife, Beverly Rose DeGennaro; children Derek Michael DeGennaro, Lance Hillman DeGennaro, Michelle Lee Shirhall, Jacqueline Jean DeGennaro and Jennifer Jesse DeGennaro; grandchildren Judith, Madison, Nathan Jr., Morgan, Brody and Melina as well as a host of extended family members.

A memorial service will be held at St Peter's Anglican Cathedral on Friday, July 12, 2024 at 11:00am to be followed by a reception in the parish hall. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions to St Peter's ([www.stpetersfl.com/give](http://www.stpetersfl.com/give)) or to a charity of choice are encouraged.

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

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

JUL 12. 11:00 AM (ET)

St Peter's Anglican Cathedral  
4787 Thomasville Road  
Tallahassee, FL 32309

# Tribute Wall



“ *Morgan's 1st Communion - with her Grandpa and Grandma and her sisters*



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**Michelle Shirhall** - July 13, 2024 at 09:39 AM



“ *We were so sorry to read about your husband's passing. We wanted you to know that you are in our thoughts.*

*Mary Huggins and Susan Teisciero*

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**Mary Higgins** - July 07, 2024 at 05:51 PM



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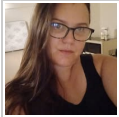
**Michelle Shirhall** - July 02, 2024 at 01:04 PM



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Michelle Shirhall - July 02, 2024 at 01:01 PM



*The Keys vacation! Fun*

Jennifer DeGennaro - July 05, 2024 at 11:07 PM

JD

*My face doesn't look happy in that picture. I loved that day in key west. Grilling fish we all caught .*

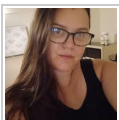
Jacqueline DeGennaro - July 07, 2024 at 03:54 PM



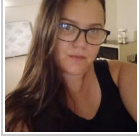
“ *Father's Day last year. Opened up a cake with exploding butterflies. Beverly made sure to capture the smile*



Michelle Shirhall - June 28, 2024 at 06:48 PM



Jennifer DeGennaro - July 05, 2024 at 11:08 PM



“ Jennifer DeGennaro lit a candle in memory of Michael Anthony DeGennaro



Jennifer DeGennaro - June 27, 2024 at 07:46 PM



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Jacqueline DeGennaro - June 27, 2024 at 01:01 AM



“ Michelle Shirhall lit a candle in memory of Michael Anthony DeGennaro



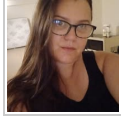
Michelle Shirhall - June 26, 2024 at 07:01 PM



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Nathan Shirhall - June 26, 2024 at 06:30 PM



*Fly high Dad . You ate inspiring xo*

**Jennifer DeGennaro** - June 26, 2024 at 06:55 PM



*I asked him a few times if he could fly me to a island lol... Love you dad.*

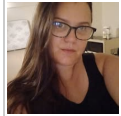
**Jacqueline DeGennaro** - June 27, 2024 at 01:03 AM



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**Michelle Shirhall** - June 26, 2024 at 06:28 PM



*Beautiful*

**Jennifer DeGennaro** - June 26, 2024 at 06:55 PM



*Beautiful pictures*

**Jacqueline DeGennaro** - June 27, 2024 at 01:04 AM



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**Michelle Shirhall** - June 26, 2024 at 06:22 PM



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**Michelle Shirhall** - June 26, 2024 at 06:17 PM



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*Love these Precious moments*

Michelle Shirhall - June 26, 2024 at 07:02 PM

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Nathan Shirhall - June 26, 2024 at 06:13 PM



*Always racing to your next goal! We are so proud of all your accomplishments!*

Michelle Shirhall - June 26, 2024 at 07:11 PM