



Neil Charles Chamelin

January 16, 1942 - October 12, 2023

A gentle man with an unforgettable smile, Neil Charles Chamelin, born on New York City on January 16, 1942 to Dr. and Mrs. Isidore Chamelin passed away October 12, 2023 in Deland, Florida.

Neil is survived by his wife, Vicki, sons Chris of Tallahassee and Todd of Oviedo; his adored granddaughters Tally, Casey, Laney and Jessy Chamelin, Oviedo; nephews Mike Wood (Linda), Kevin Wood (Mindy), Mark Wood (Diane) and nieces Teri Gavin and Julie Perry.

Neil grew up in Sarasota, graduating in 1959 from Sarasota High School where he played in the high school band and was the ringmaster for the high school Sailor Circus.

After attending FSU for two years Neil transferred to Michigan State University in East Lansing, MI where he met his wife, Vicki. Upon their graduation with bachelor degrees in criminal justice they moved to Florida where Neil pursued his interest in law, graduation from Stetson University College of Law in 1968 and Vicki became the proud mother of their two sons. While attending law school Neil taught criminal law at St. Petersburg Jr. College, later becoming the Director of SPJC's administration Division before moving his family to Athens, GA to become the Director of the Police Science Division, Institute of Government, University of Georgia. Living in Athens they became avid Georgia Football fans.

Although they loved their Georgia Bulldogs Neil moved his family to Tallahassee accepting the position as Director of the Florida Police Standards

and Training Commission and Director, Standards and Training Division, Florida Department of Law Enforcement.

Neil was a much sought after speaker and teacher who wrote several text books in criminal investigation which are used in college's today. He was delighted his legacy for writing was passed down to his granddaughter Laney, who last year at the age of 14 wrote "Every Breathe You Took" soon to be published by Amazon Publishing.

His teachings took him to Germany where he was Director of Criminal Justice Programs, Troy State University, European Region. Neil and his family traveled throughout Europe during their two years in Germany returning to Tallahassee in 1982. While living in Tallahassee Neil became an active booster and President of Leon High School Swimming and Diving Association, President of the area Tallahassee Aquatic Club, 1992-93 President of Springtime Tallahassee and a supporter of the Tallahassee Parks and Recreation Football Program where his son Chris was a coach for nineteen years. He and Vicki were die-hard Silver Chief Seminole Boosters for over thirty years.

Upon his retirement as an Assistant State Attorney, 2nd Judicial Circuit in Tallahassee, Neil and Vicki moved to DeLand, Florida to be closer to their granddaughters. He was proud of Tally and Casey, each attending Florida Colleges on Academic Scholarships, Laney the writer and Jessy, a star lacrosse player. Although Neil suffered from ataxia and essential tremor, a genetic neurological disorder, he attended as many functions for "his girls" as possible.

He supported his Seminoles and Bulldogs from the comfort of his much loved recliner.

In his memory donations may be made to:

University of Florida Foundation for Movement Disorders

P.O.Box 101243, Gainesville, FL 32610, all donations are tax deductible and will be used for research in movement disorders.

A Celebration of Life will be held 2:00 p.m. Sunday, December 10, 2023 at

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

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

DEC 10. 2:00 PM (ET)

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

Tribute Wall

FE

“ I'm Fred Essig. My sons, Carl and Phil, and I had many good times with Neil and his sons. We were members of the Y-Indian Guides in Athens, Georgia. We attended the Y camp in Tallulah, GA where we played tennis, had foot races, and went canoeing. Sorry to hear he's gone.

Fred Essig - April 21, 2025 at 01:52 PM



“ Since 2015, we had the pleasure of getting to know our neighbor and friend Neil C. Chamelin. We wished we had met him earlier so we could have picked his brain on so many topics. HE was such a brilliant and kind man. Unfortunately Neil's disease took over his speech, but NOT his brain!!! Neil would participate in every conversation. We loved him for he was. Anytime he would smile or laugh, we knew he loved us, too!!! Neil, we wish for you to enjoy all the chocolate you desire!!! Your "Chocoholic" friend will keep up "Our" reputation for as long as the time I am given. Stewart will be laughing at both of us and both of us will be thinking of you with love ❤️

Jennifer Moser - December 11, 2023 at 10:22 AM

AJ

“ I worked with Mr. Chamelin for many years and he was such a kind, gentle person. I adored him and I'm so sorry for your loss. You are in my prayers.

Ashley Jones - December 05, 2023 at 11:08 AM

TG

“ My Uncle Neil was my moms little brother. Growing up before he married Aunt Vicki, as a little girl I loved him so much. He was such a good man, so kind and all my little life I was going to marry him. When I turned 13 and told my family I am going to marry Uncle Neil. The sad news was given to me you can't marry your uncle. I was devastated. It's been the family funny back story he won Aunt Vicki had two awesome sons and he has been my inspiration of what a man, husband and father should be. I will miss him as much as I miss my mom. They both were my heart. ❤️

Terri Gavin - November 03, 2023 at 09:36 PM

BB

“ Neil always lit up a room with his smile. He had a great sense of humor and his appetite for reading never ended. Speaking of appetites...he could out eat any teenage boy without a doubt! I will miss his kisses, honor and smiles!

Bonnie Boehlke - November 02, 2023 at 05:12 PM

VC

Thanks Bonnie he definitely was a "bottomless pit" and never gained an ounce

Vicki Chamelin - November 02, 2023 at 09:28 PM