



## Olin Ross Granthum, Jr.

April 2, 1947 - August 19, 2024

Olin Ross Granthum Jr., a cherished husband, father, grandfather, and friend, passed away on Monday, August 19, 2024. Born on April 2, 1947, in Tampa, Florida, Olin's early years were spent in Perry, Florida, where he graduated from Taylor County High School in 1965. His pursuit of higher education took him to Flint, Michigan, where he studied Mechanical Engineering. However, his path took a significant turn when he enlisted in the U.S. Army in September 1966.

During the Vietnam War, Olin served with bravery and distinction, earning numerous accolades including the National Defense Service Medal, the Vietnam Service Medal with two bronze stars, and other commendations for his service. After his honorable discharge in September 1969, he returned to his roots in Florida, embarking on a career as a Master Welder. His expertise led him to notable projects, including welding for a nuclear reactor plant and the Alaskan Pipeline, solidifying his reputation in the field.

In 1986, Olin's entrepreneurial spirit drove him to establish Olin Construction, Inc., in Tallahassee, Florida. His impact on the local community was profound, as he built numerous custom and speculative homes throughout the area. His contributions were particularly recognized through his involvement with the Tallahassee Builder's Association, where he received multiple accolades, and his participation in the annual Parade of Homes. Notable projects included

homes in prestigious subdivisions such as Hartsfield Plantation and Piney Z.

Olin's vibrant personality and commitment extended beyond his professional life. He was a dedicated member of the Springtime Tallahassee, serving for many years on the War & Reconstruction Krewe. His love for float building and the camaraderie it fostered was a testament to his passion for community involvement.

An avid outdoorsman, Olin's love for hunting and fishing spanned continents, but his most treasured experiences were the Thanksgiving hunts in Tennessee and deer hunting trips at the family "camp." Olin was known for his adventurous spirit and enjoyed taking others along on his airboat for thrilling nights of gigging frogs and hunting alligators. These outings were not just about the hunt but were cherished gatherings where he shared his passion for the outdoors, teaching friends and family alike about the thrill of the hunt and the art of living off the land. His hospitable nature was well-known; he delighted in preparing and sharing meals from his outdoor adventures, including frog legs, alligator tail, venison, and fish. His legendary cookouts at his Lake Jackson home were a highlight for family and friends alike.

Olin was especially devoted to his son, Darin, who has special needs. He made it a point to include Darin in every adventure, ensuring he was always a part of his outdoor experiences and family activities. Olin's care and dedication to Darin were evident in every aspect of his life, as he created opportunities for his son to experience the joy and excitement of their shared passions. Whether it was hunting, pulling Darin on the chariot behind the four-wheeler, fishing, or simply enjoying the outdoors, Olin's commitment to making Darin feel included and cherished was a testament to his loving nature and deep sense of family.

A passionate supporter of Florida State University football, Olin's enthusiasm for FSU football games was matched only by his friendly rivalry with family

members who cheered for the Florida Gators. This rivalry was a source of much fun and laughter, highlighted by the special “loser’s trophy,” which was welded by Olin and a cherished family “Christmas” tradition.

In his later years, Olin embraced a new passion for camping, traveling across the country in his RV with his wife Debra. His faith was central to his life, and he was an active member of Fellowship Baptist Church. Olin found great joy in his Sunday school class and his men’s group, “Iron Workers,” and he relished the opportunities to travel with church friends, including a memorable trip to Iceland.

Above all, Olin’s greatest joy came from his family. He was a devoted husband to Debra Bishop Granthum, a loving father to Darin Granthum and Heidi Granthum; a proud “Papa Olin” to his grandchildren. He took immense pride in supporting them at their various school and extra-curricular events and was known for his creative projects for them, from building treehouses, chicken coops, tree stands, and go-carts to crafting a unique kayak-pontoon boat with his grandson.

Olin is preceded in death by his parents Olin Sr and Virginia Granthum, his sister, Diana Granthum Brady Davis.

Olin is survived by his wife, Debra Bishop Granthum, of Tallahassee; his children, Darin Granthum of Perry and Heidi Granthum of Tallahassee; Dr. Desmond (Lindsey) Bishop of Fernandina Beach, Zane (Mischa) Bishop of Monticello, Kaz (Eric) Shiendling of Atlantic Beach; his grandchildren, Madison, Madden, Hayes, Amyrs, Kye, Ford, Liam, Lucas, and Wade; his siblings, Gloria (Dr. Robert) Bell of Cookeville, TN, Gail (Homer) Tedder of Tallahassee, Chris (Rev. George) Smith of Eclectic, AL, and Tommy (Terrie) Granthum of Perry; and a host of nieces and nephews. He is also survived by his loyal 4-legged companion, Grit.

The family will receive friends at the visitation on Monday, August 26, 2024, from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM at Bevis Funeral Home, 200 John Knox Rd, Tallahassee, FL 32303. The funeral service will be held on Tuesday, August 27, 2024, at 10:00 AM at Fellowship Baptist Church, 3705 N Monroe St, Tallahassee, FL 32303. The interment with military honors will be held at 2:00 PM at the National Cemetery, 5015 Apalachee Pkwy, Tallahassee, FL 32303. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations in honor of Olin, be made to the Building Fund at Fellowship Baptist Church. Donations can be mailed to 3705 N Monroe St, Tallahassee, FL 32303, or made online at <https://fellowshipbaptist.org/>.

Olin Ross Granthum Jr. will be deeply missed by all who knew him. His legacy of service, passion for life, and dedication to family and community will continue to inspire those who were fortunate enough to have known him.

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

# Cemetery Details

## Tallahassee National Cemetery

5015 Apalachee Parkway  
Tallahassee, FL 32311

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG 26. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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

## Funeral Service

AUG 27. 10:00 AM (ET)

Fellowship Baptist Church  
3705 North Monroe Street  
Tallahassee, FL 32303

## Burial

AUG 27. 2:00 PM (ET)

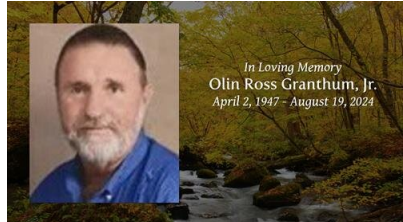
Tallahassee National Cemetery  
5015 Apalachee Parkway  
Tallahassee, FL 32311



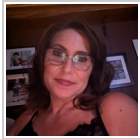
# Tribute Wall



“ *Bevis Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Olin Ross Granthum, Jr.*



Bevis Funeral Home - August 29, 2024 at 09:27 AM



“ *Olin was great man and will be missed by many. May God bless his family and comfort them.*

Xaviera Rutherford - October 30, 2025 at 06:59 AM



“ *Amy Carter lit a candle in memory of Olin Ross Granthum, Jr.*



Amy Carter - August 27, 2024 at 11:47 AM



“ *Your Cadence Family purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Olin Ross Granthum, Jr..*



Your Cadence Family - August 26, 2024 at 01:26 PM

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“ AIRBOATS UNLIMITED CAROL, KEVIN , RICKY purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Olin Ross Granthum, Jr..



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**AIRBOATS UNLIMITED CAROL, KEVIN , RICKY** - August 26, 2024 at 10:36 AM

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“ AIRBOATS UNLIMITED CAROL, KEVIN , RICKY planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Olin Ross Granthum, Jr..

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**AIRBOATS UNLIMITED CAROL, KEVIN , RICKY** - August 26, 2024 at 10:36 AM

BB

“ Bob & Annette Ball purchased the Sweet Sincerity for the family of Olin Ross Granthum, Jr..



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**Bob & Annette Ball** - August 24, 2024 at 03:54 PM

CP

“ I have honored my cousins request and made a donation to the building fund for Fellowship Baptist Church. My family visited the Grantham's for many years and I have many fond memories of Olin

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**Carol A. Payne** - August 24, 2024 at 01:20 PM



“ Olin was the most amazing neighbor. He was quite knowledgeable about everything, I was always intrigued by his conversations, he always took Darlene and I, and any of our family members out on airboat rides at the drop of a hat, these were the highlight of their visits. He will be dearly missed and never forgotten!

August 23, 2024 at 05:13 PM



“ Ronnie and Cindy Dawkins planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Olin Ross Granthum, Jr..

Ronnie and Cindy Dawkins - August 23, 2024 at 11:39 AM



“ Ronnie and Cindy Dawkins purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Olin Ross Granthum, Jr..



Ronnie and Cindy Dawkins - August 23, 2024 at 11:39 AM



“ Olin was our neighbor many years in Lakebreeze and always full of life & good conversations. Olin took time to carry my 2 young grandchildren for a late afternoon airboat ride on Lake Jackson. A ride they will never forget..! He will surely be missed by his friends, ... our prayers go out to Debra & family.

Jack Martin - August 23, 2024 at 09:47 AM

CO

“ Collins/Harrell purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Olin Ross Granthum, Jr..



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**Collins/Harrell** - August 23, 2024 at 06:05 AM

CO

“ Collins/Harrell planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Olin Ross Granthum, Jr..

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**Collins/Harrell** - August 23, 2024 at 06:05 AM



“ Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Olin Ross Granthum, Jr..



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August 23, 2024 at 12:00 AM

RF

“ Ron Spees and family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Olin Ross Granthum, Jr..

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**Ron Spees and family** - August 23, 2024 at 12:00 AM

BM

“ Boe & Satabra Meredith planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Olin Ross Granthum, Jr..

Boe & Satabra Meredith - August 22, 2024 at 10:52 PM



“ Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Olin Ross Granthum, Jr..



August 22, 2024 at 10:52 PM

CD

“ What are awesome man he was a good friend as well. As a customer.....Deborah. I am so sorry for your loss. I know the feeling sweetie. If you need anything, you know where I'm at. He was just like Paul one kind he can never be replaced. I am so sad to hear this news, he will be missed by many many friends that knew him and family but now he's up there in Airboat Heaven because trust me there is one up there when the thunder rolls you know where it's coming from 🙏❤❤

carol dixon - August 22, 2024 at 02:52 PM