



Regina "Reg" Poppell Brewster

July 4, 1954 - July 14, 2013

Regina "Reg" Poppell Brewster, 59, went home to her Lord and Savior Jesus Christ on Sunday, July 14, 2013, after her nearly three year battle with breast cancer.

She was born July 4, 1954, in Tallahassee, Florida and was the Salutatorian of Godby High School in 1972. A true Seminole, she graduated Summa Cum Laude from Florida State University in 1976 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Accounting. She was one of the elite few to pass the Certified Public Accountant's exam on the first sitting, and enjoyed a 37-year career as a CPA with Williams Cox Weidner & Cox (later merged with Carr Riggs & Ingram) – establishing herself as a success at a time when the accounting field was predominately male. She was a member of Gamma Phi Beta, Beta Alpha Psi, AICPA, FICPA and was a Paul Harris Fellow.

An unexpected benefit of her employment with Williams Cox Weidner & Cox was meeting a coworker, James R. "Jim" Brewster. Jim and Regina were married in 1983 and were blessed with two wonderful daughters, Danielle and Melanie. Regina was a loving, involved mother and friend to her daughters. She spent many hours volunteering at their schools, Holy Comforter Episcopal School and Maclay School, and was a constant supporter at their many volleyball, basketball and softball games. She was honored to throw the first pitch at three Maclay School breast cancer fundraising softball games.

She loved the beach and enjoyed the annual family retreat in St. Augustine along with other beach destination vacations in Navarre Beach and Hawaii. She was a superb athlete, had a keen interest in photography and a love for music.

A lifetime member of First Baptist Church of Tallahassee, she and Jim were active in the Interaction One Sunday School class, whose members provided countless meals and ongoing support throughout Regina's illness.

Funeral services will be at 2:00 PM EDT Thursday, July 18, 2013, at First Baptist Church, 108 W College Avenue in Tallahassee. There will be a private burial at Roselawn Cemetery in Tallahassee. Visitation hours will be Wednesday, July 17, 2013, from 4 p.m to 7 p.m. at Bevis Funeral Home, 2710 N. Monroe Street, Tallahassee, Florida.

Regina is survived by her husband of 30 years, Jim; two daughters, Danielle (fiancé Brett Kirkland) and Melanie of Tallahassee; two brothers, Ron Poppell (wife Wanda) of Havana and Tim Poppell (wife Maggie and daughter Kelly) of Longwood; two brothers-in-law, Tom Brewster (Pamela Sue) and Bill Brewster of Pensacola; her uncle Bully Poppell (Jewel) and aunts Lucile Maxwell and Johnnie Ward, all of Havana; aunts Betty Jo Lester (Charles) and Eleanor Puckett of Tallahassee, Erline Spooner of Quincy, and Carolyn Barnhill (Grady) of Winston-Salem, NC. She is also survived by many cousins and dear friends.

She was predeceased by her parents, Grady and Jenelle Poppell.

Pall Bearers: Chuck Lester, Zane Harrell, Dr. David O'Bryan, David Perrin, Darryl Bollinger, Bobby Bacon, Ed Hudson and Dr. Logan Brooks.

Honorary Pall Bearers: Vern Williams, Tom Cox, Gary Cox, Rick Weidner, Charles Lester, Grady Barnhill, Jim Stidham, Bill Gardner, Sonny Reed and Ted Harrison.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Holy Comforter Episcopal School, 2001 Fleischmann Road, Tallahassee, Florida 32308; Maclay School, 3737 N Meridian Rd, Tallahassee, FL 32312; the endowment fund at First Baptist Church, 108 W College Avenue, Tallahassee, Florida 32301 or the cancer charity of your choice. Bevis Funeral Home, (850) 385-2193, www.bevisfh.com, is assisting the family with the arrangements.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 17. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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

Service

JUL 18. 2:00 PM (ET)

First Baptist Church of Tallahassee
108 West College Avenue
Tallahassee, FL 32301

Tribute Wall

JW

“ *Dear Brewster Family,
I am deeply sorry for your loss. I was fortunate to have met Regina through the recommendation of a valued friend. I came to depend on her wisdom, her guidance and her expertise which was so helpful to me..*

It was a special privilege to have known her - but for a time to short. She was an amazing person, knowledgeable and professional in her career, and a kind and helpful friend to anyone in need.

You must know that when she spoke of her dear family, the love shown through. You were the light of her life and she was so very proud of each of you.

May her strength, courage and love sustain you in the days and years ahead.

*With Heartfelt Sympathy,
Jeannette Windham.*

jeannette windham - July 26, 2013 at 08:50 PM

BM

“ Dear Brewster Family;

While reading the online obituary, I observed the death of your love one.

Death is an enemy to mankind and who can understand it? It can and dose have a devastating effect on you and your family as well.

Can you imagine reading a newspaper with the headline; "When Death is Swallowed Up Forever....." What a wonderful time that will be. Revelation 21:4 offers this hope, it states: "And he (God) will wipe out every tear from their eyes and death will be no more, neither will morning nor outcry nor pain anymore. The former things have passed away. What a comforting hope.

If you would be interested in learning even more, I can send you a little tract that is entitle "What Hope for Dead Loved Ones"? If you have any Questions please feel free to contact me at this e-mail address here (b.molina56@yahoo.com).

I offer my sincere condolences, may the God of peace be with you and your family.

*Sincerely Yours,
Brandy Molina*

Brandy Molina - July 20, 2013 at 08:55 AM



“ Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Regina "Reg" Poppell Brewster.



July 17, 2013 at 09:31 PM

DD

“ Dear Jim, Danielle and Melanie,
Regina was one in a million. Her faith, courage, devotion and love for you all was astounding. She was one of those people that you knew, you were privilege to have in your life. I admired her for so many reasons but her mothering ways is my greatest admiration. May God guide and bless you through these difficult times. My love and prayers are with you.
Diane

Diane Dunn - July 16, 2013 at 05:06 PM

SH

“ I am deeply grieved at Regina's passing. I knew her through working at Carr, Riggs & Ingram and I will miss her very much. I was inspired every day by her abiding cheerfulness and warm smile. She will always be an example to me of courage and grace in the face of trials.

Susanne Houff - July 16, 2013 at 02:22 PM

MW

“ Dear Jim and Family, I was just so sorry to hear about Regina, your wife, mother. She looks just like she did in middle school, i will always remember her for her kindness to everyone and her rosy cheeks. Much Love and Prayers for you and your family.



Marsha Walker - July 16, 2013 at 11:06 AM



“ *Heavenly Sentiments Spray was purchased for the family of Regina "Reg" Poppell Brewster.*



July 16, 2013 at 09:14 AM



“ *Dear Jim, Dannielle, Melanie and family;
We are so saddened by the loss of Reg. We will always have the beautiful memories of her radiant smile, contagious laugh, and all the happy times we have spent with Reg and the family through the years. May God's warmth and blessings help you in your time of grief. With much love and sympathy...*

Yvonne, Andrea "Sissy", Chris, Paige and Marin

Yvonne Weems - July 16, 2013 at 07:58 AM



I was very saddened to hear about the loss of Regina. I have been a client of hers for many years at Carr, Riggs. She was an amazing person and was always so patient in helping me. May God be with you through this difficult time. I will miss her. Judy Feinberg

Judy Feinberg - July 17, 2013 at 08:57 AM