



## Richard "Dick" Hollahan

October 15, 1931 - September 7, 2018

Richard "Dick" Hollahan passed away peacefully on Friday, September 7, 2018 in Tallahassee, following a lengthy illness. He was born to Richard A. Hollahan and Frances McIntyre Cahill in Jacksonville, FL on October 25, 1931.

The family will receive friends Tuesday, September 11th from 6:00 PM until 8:00 PM at Bevis Funeral Home in Tallahassee, 200 John Knox Road. The funeral is scheduled for 11:00 AM, Wednesday, September 12th at Rock Bluff Assembly of God Church in Bristol, with Pastor Mitchell Taylor officiating. Burial, with military honors will follow at 1:30 PM at Roselawn Cemetery in Tallahassee.

Gifts in memory of Mr. Hollahan may be made to Lighthouse Children's Home, 7771 Mahan Drive, Tallahassee, FL 32309.

After graduating from Robert E. Lee High School, Dick joined the United States Marine Corps. Following his service in the Corps he returned to Jacksonville, going into the insurance business, before moving to Tallahassee and enrolling at Florida State University. He graduated from the School of Business at FSU in 1956. In his early career Dick worked for Florida Secretary of State Tom Adams and later Lt. Governor Tom Adams for nine years, before being appointed Personal Assistant to Speaker of the House Fred Schultz. After his career in government he started his 50-year career lobbying the Florida Legislature. Dick lobbied for numerous clients through the years, including Bell South Mobility, Florida Pediatrics Society and the Florida Assoc.

of Christian Child Caring Agencies, Inc. The highlight of his long career was working for the children's homes and associations throughout Florida. His happiest times were talking about the homes across the state and all the boys and girls around Florida who were influenced in positive ways by these homes.

Dick roamed the Halls of the Capitol for five decades, never meeting a stranger, and always telling his jokes to all who would listen. Those who were near always knew when Dick was around. After fifty years of "Walking the Halls of the Capitol", as he said it was time to hang it up and enjoy the beautiful view of Lake Talquin from his home, getting more involved with his church, enjoying some traveling and listening to the laughter of his grandchildren.

Survivors include his loving wife Joyce; one son Richard Hollahan (Beth); and two grandchildren, Nicole and Jason. He is also survived by two step-sons, James O. "Bubba" Allen (Susan) and William "Billy" Allen; six step-grandchildren; and several step-great-grandchildren. Dick was preceded in death by his parents; and his son Rex.

Kelly Barber of Bevis Funeral Home of Tallahassee (850/385-2193 or [www.bevisfh.com](http://www.bevisfh.com)) is assisting Mrs. Hollahan with her arrangements.

# Cemetery Details

## Roselawn Cemetery

815 West Piedmont Drive  
Tallahassee, FL 32308

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP 11. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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

## Funeral Service

SEP 12. 11:00 AM (ET)

Rock Bluff Assembly of God Church  
14942 Phillips Drive  
Bristol, FL 32321

## Burial

SEP 12. 1:30 PM (ET)

Roselawn Cemetery  
815 West Piedmont Drive  
Tallahassee, FL 32308



# Tribute Wall

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“ Dick Hollahan, above all, was my friend for so many years! I met him while I was still a student at FSU when I got at part time job at the Secretary of States Office. Although so different from myself, we became friends from the start. He was truly a loveable & unique individual! He loved to hunt & fish and was as country as a man could be! Above all he loved his boys, Rick & Rex! I think a big part of him died when he lost Rex! I think of him so often & will always remember & cherish his friendship. Life got in the way & we lost contact! I will always regret that!

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**Joe Tellone** - June 17, 2022 at 05:35 PM

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“ When my daughter Julia, was little she put her bare foot in a cooling fan for a freezer down at Lake Talquin. Dick was there at the time and made sure she was ok and talked with her .She never forgot him. He will always be a find memory for us. God bless the family and God bless Duck. Candi Wilhoit.

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**Candi W.Robertson** - September 14, 2018 at 08:26 PM

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*I don't know how to correct the two typos. Please forgive, no disrespect intended.*

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**Candi W.Robertson** - September 14, 2018 at 08:30 PM



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**Bevis Funeral Home** - September 10, 2018 at 08:56 AM



“ I met Dick when I worked in the Florida Legislature in 1986. We became instant friends when he offered to help me with the heavy load of paperwork I was carrying down the hall. Dick never met a stranger and he was always able to see the good in people and willing to help wherever there was a need. He loved his family and spoke of them often. I will always remember him sharing his personal testimony with me. A Senate staffer gave Dick a New Testament and told him about Jesus, soon after his son, Rex, went home to be with the Lord. Dick received Jesus as his personal Savior through her witness to him. He carried that New Testament in his pocket, all the days after he received it, down the halls of the Capital. Every time the Lord open a door for him to witness and share his faith in Jesus, he did. He was my brother in Christ and my friend. I thank God for the positive difference He made through Dick's life for the children of Florida and all those who came to know and love him, because he roamed the Halls of the Capital and the Legislature for five decades. He was one-of-a-kind and He always brought smiles to our faces through his jokes and his upbeat attitude toward life. He will be missed by all who knew him.

*My sympathy and my prayers are with his family and friends.*

Love,  
Glenda Lawhon Sparks

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**Glenda Sparks** - September 09, 2018 at 04:35 PM

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“ Joyce,  
I am thinking of you and the Family at this sad time for all of you.  
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**CECILE** - September 08, 2018 at 10:06 PM