



## Richard Albert McLellan

June 22, 1951 - March 4, 2022

Richard Albert McLellan, 70, died suddenly Thursday, March 3, 2022, in his home. Richard, known affectionately by his loved ones as “Mac,” grew up in Zephyrhills, Florida, graduating from Zephyrhills High in 1969. He then attended Florida State University, graduating with a business degree in 1974. He remained in Tallahassee after college and was an avid fan of Seminole sports, including owning season tickets for both football and basketball for decades. He imparted this love of FSU sports to both of his children, Ryan and Heather, and made college sports an integral part of their lives. He was also a lifelong golfer and he taught his children how to play from a young age. Another favorite pastime was camping, and he enjoyed camping with his loved ones in the Smoky Mountains.

After graduating from college, Richard worked for the state of Florida for 35 years as a labor relations consultant. Richard met his wife, Rebecca, in the late 1970s through community softball and they married in 1981. They had two children and were married for 26 years, until her death in January of 2008. After the loss of his wife, he was in a relationship with Shannon Lynch for over decade, who became an important part of his and his children’s lives. He retired from working for the state in 2011 and has been traveling the world with Shannon since then. Mac had a sincere love for his granddaughters, who affectionately referred to him as Grampy.

Richard was a generous and loving person, who also enjoyed the occasional argument about a variety of subjects. Richard is survived by his children,

Ryan (Lainey) McLellan of Atlanta and Heather (Tim) Asta of Tallahassee, and by his two siblings, Shirley Huggins of Port St. Joe Beach, Florida, and Joanie (Kim) Joyner of Lakeland, Florida. He is also survived by his granddaughters, Paige and Sadie McLellan, as well as by many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, Albert McLellan and Lenore McLellan Winebarger.

A celebration of Richard's life will be held on Tuesday March 8th at 11:00 a.m. at Trinity United Methodist Church. In lieu of flowers, the family asks for memorial contributions to be made to Trinity United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 1086, Tallahassee, FL 32302. Todd Wahlquist with Bevis Funeral Home (850-385-2193, [www.bevisfh.com](http://www.bevisfh.com)) is assisting the McLellan family with their arrangements.

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

MAR 8. 11:00 AM (ET)

Trinity United Methodist Church  
120 West Park Avenue  
Tallahassee, FL 32303

# Tribute Wall

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“ We are beyond devastated to learn of the untimely passing of our beloved friend of more than fifty years. We met at FSU when Mac and John were in the Business school together. We had too many adventures and misadventures to list here. Some of our favorite memories were of basketball and football games we attended together including the 1993 FSU football national championship game and every FSU/UF game for over 20 years. He always stayed to the end of every game but knew the quickest way home to avoid gridlock because he was sure the rules of the road didn't apply to him.

We were with Mac the day it snowed in Tallahassee in 1973. We grabbed a large cardboard box from an appliance store and used it to slide down the hill near Doak Campbell Stadium. We hiked with him in Montana and rafted together down the Snake River in Wyoming.

When we moved to South Florida we still stayed close and visited several times a year with Mac and Becky. Our families were so close our kids thought of each other as cousins.

We had many talks around the table, fire pit, and campfires. These talks usually consisted of Mac asking a million questions. And he certainly loved a good debate.

He was proud to be from Canada, and very proud of his children and grandchildren whom he loved with all his heart. And he loved Shannon deeply. Our hearts go out to them as we share their grief. A good friend, especially a long-term one, is a treasure, and Mac was one of the best. We will love and miss him always.

Julie Pike and John Mears



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**Julie Pike** - March 07, 2022 at 11:37 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Richard Albert McLellan.



March 07, 2022 at 04:51 PM



“ *So sorry to hear. I worked with Richard for a number of years prior to 1996 and enjoyed working with him. I knew where his season basketball seats were in the Civic Center, and I used to go talk with him for a few minutes sometimes. He loved the Seminoles. God Bless.*

**Robert Henley** - March 07, 2022 at 10:55 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket* was purchased for the family of Richard Albert McLellan.



March 07, 2022 at 09:05 AM



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March 07, 2022 at 08:27 AM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Richard Albert McLellan.* ”



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March 06, 2022 at 02:46 PM