



## Robert "Bobby" Boeneke

March 8, 1964 - January 21, 2015

Robert "Bobby" Boeneke died on January 21, 2015 at his home in Tallahassee. Bobby was born at the U.S. Naval Air Station Hospital in Kenitra, Morocco on March 8, 1964. He grew up in Jacksonville Beach, graduating from Fletcher High School in 1982.

He is survived by his high school sweetheart and wife of 25 years, Demory Schwarzbauer Boeneke; and three sons Rhyse (18), Emory (17), and Barrett (15). He is also survived by his parents, Bob and Polly Boeneke; sisters, Jill (Eddie) Hilliard, Liz (Tom) Andreu, Deesie (Kenny) Bowen and Dayna Williams; brothers, Derrin Drago and Chip (Sarina) Boeneke; and a large, loving extended family. Bobby was preceded in death by his mother Nancy Polcha Boeneke.

After graduating from Florida State University in 1986 with a Bachelor's Degree in Finance and Real Estate, Bobby was awarded his MBA from Samford University in Birmingham, Alabama in 1993. In the years after college, Bobby pursued a successful career in banking with Compass Bank. As a Vice President of Compass Bank, he was first introduced to a small residential elevator company in Crawfordville, Florida. In 1996 Bobby and "Doc" Granger purchased the company, Residential Lifts and a few years later, at age 36, Bobby became Owner and President of Residential Elevators, relocating his family to Tallahassee.

His vision for the company was well timed and accurate. Bobby believed he had a product that would be in demand because the marketplace was

expanding with the aging Baby Boomers, and real estate trends were driving residences to have a smaller footprint, therefore encouraging multi story construction.

Today Residential Elevators, with manufacturing operations in Crawfordville and Cairo, GA, plus Administrative offices in Tallahassee, serves a growing clientele from Coast to Coast. They are the largest manufacturer and installer of residential elevators in the country. There are 170 employees located in 15 states.

Bobby loved FSU and supported the university in many ways, including the Seminole Boosters, the College of Business and the Jim Moran Institute for Global Entrepreneurship, where he served on the Board of Advisors. In addition, Bobby spent time mentoring students interested in entrepreneurship. The family attends Good Shepherd Catholic Church.

Bobby was the proud father of three fine sons and a devoted husband to the love of his life, Demory. He worked very hard to show his boys how to live and enjoy life. He was generous, kind, nurturing and principled. It was always very important to Bobby that one did "the right thing". He will be greatly missed by all who knew him.

A memorial mass will be held in Tallahassee at Good Shepherd Catholic Church, 4665 Thomasville Road at 3:00 pm on Monday, January 26, 2015 followed by a reception in the Carriage House at Goodwood Plantation, 1600 Miccosukee Road, where the family will receive friends.

The family will also receive friends at St. Paul's Catholic Church, 435 1st Avenue North, Jacksonville Beach on Tuesday, January 27 from 7-9 PM. A funeral mass will be held at St Paul's Catholic Church at 10:00 AM, Wednesday January 28, 2015, followed by a reception at Atlantic Beach Country Club, 1600 Selva Marina Drive, Atlantic Beach.

In lieu of flowers, gifts in memory of Bobby may be made to the Florida State University College of Business, Bobby Boeneke Memorial Fund, c/o FSU Foundation, 2010 Levy Avenue, Post Office Box 2062739, Tallahassee, FL 32306-2739; or to the Bobby Boeneke Memorial Fund, Fletcher High School,

Attn: Cindy Jesse, 700 Seagate Avenue, Neptune Beach, FL 32266.

Rocky Bevis of Bevis Funeral Home is assisting the Boeneke family with their arrangements.

# Previous Events

## Funeral Mass

JAN 26. 3:00 PM (ET)

Good Shepherd Catholic Church  
4665 Thomasville Rd.  
Tallahassee, FL 32309

## Reception

JAN 26. 4:30 PM (ET)

Carriage House at Goodwood Plantation  
1600 Miccosukee Road  
Tallahassee, FL 32308

## Visitation

JAN 27. 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

St. Paul's Catholic Church  
435 1st Avenue North  
Jacksonville Beach, FL

## Funeral Mass

JAN 28. 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Paul's Catholic Church  
435 1st Avenue North  
Jacksonville Beach, FL

# Tribute Wall



“ Happy Heavenly Birthday Bobby, we miss and love you, Jill, Eddie, Sophia, Juliana and Faith Hilliard

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**Eddie Hilliard** - March 08, 2023 at 01:53 PM



“ Jesus compared death to sleep because people can be awakened from death, thanks to the power of God. At John 11: 11-14, Jesus stated: ‘Lazarus our friend has fallen asleep, but I am traveling there to awaken him.’ Jesus, however, had spoken about his death. But they imagined he was speaking about taking rest in sleep. Then Jesus said to them plainly: ‘Lazarus has died.’” As we know Jesus resurrected Lazarus, that is the hope God’s Word promises for our loved ones “Sleeping in Death” or “Resting in Peace”

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**C.Goodman** - January 26, 2015 at 10:06 AM



“ I am sorry for your loss. Please take comfort in the promise of the resurrection mentioned in the Bible at John 6:40.

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**Lewis** - January 25, 2015 at 11:03 AM

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“ *My sister just called and told me that Bobby had passed away. I'm in shock and my prayers go out to Demory and their boys.*

*I've know Bobby since middle school and even back then he was the hardest working kid around. All my memories of him, are those of a person who was honest, hard working and very funny.*

*I'm sorry sorry for your lose and your family will be in my prayers.*

*Pat Cloutier Bryan*

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**Pat Cloutier Bryan** - January 23, 2015 at 01:19 PM