



## Wade J. Melton

April 7, 1951 - May 27, 2021

Wade J. Melton succumbed to complications related to a serious accident that occurred May 5th, while visiting Biloxi to celebrate his wife's birthday.

Wade was born to Robley and Hilda Melton in Gainesville, Florida on April 7th, 1951. Born and raised in Gainesville, he graduated from the University of Florida and remained a die-hard Gator his entire life.

Wade dedicated his adult life to working for the State of Florida, retiring from OPPAGA in 2015 as a Legislative Analyst. He leaves many long-term colleagues with fond memories of time spent in an effort to better the state of Florida for its citizens

To say Wade was an "avid" hunter would be a huge understatement. He spent countless hours day dreaming of the opening of the next hunting season and preparing to "head to hunt camp". Wade enjoyed retirement with beautiful days on the golf course; pontooning on the Wakulla River; fishing with buddies; scalloping with family and friends; playing tennis with his wife; playing a friendly game of poker with "the guys"; and recently joining – and winning -- a bowling league -- Go, River Rats!

Survivors include his loving wife, Karen; adoring step-children, Taylor Harrell, Leslie Harrell, and Oliver "Chad" Jones; his dedicated brothers, Robley "Bruce" Melton (Ellen) and William "Bill" Melton (Dianna); his beloved cats, Trouble and Sassy; and a host of friends, far too many to list.

No services are planned. Contributions may be made in Wade's name to the

Christopher and Dana Reeve Foundation, 636 Morris Turnpike, Suite 3A,  
Short Hill, NJ 07078.

Rocky Bevis of Bevis Funeral Home of Tallahassee (850/385-2193 or [www.bevisfh.com](http://www.bevisfh.com)) assisted with the arrangements.