



Mr. Wallace Albert Kennedy

April 2, 1929 - October 14, 2012

Wallace A. Kennedy died on Sunday, October 14, 2012, in Tallahassee, Florida. He is survived by his wife of 62 years, Pat Kennedy.

Wallace Albert Kennedy was born April 2, 1929, in Montverde, Florida. As a young child he moved to Tallahassee with his parents, where his father took a position as manager of Luna Plantation. Growing up on a hunting plantation instilled a deep love for hunting, fishing and the outdoors.

While attending Sunday Services, he met his future wife, Patricia Burghard, who was also a student at FSU. They married June 30, 1950 and began a lifelong partnership. In all of his endeavors, his wife Pat worked by his side, as his first editor, trusted advisor, and loyal supporter. He and Pat were famous for their 4th of July parties at the St. Marks River and their hospitality at their mountain cabin. They opened their homes regularly to their friends and graduate students whom they loved like their own children. They maintained life-long friendships through their loyalty and faithfulness, watching with pleasure as these friendships grew down through generations.

After graduating from Leon High School, he served in the army before returning to Tallahassee to complete his education. While working as circulation manager at the Tallahassee Democrat he pursued a Ph.D. in clinical psychology and went on to a post-doctorate at Harvard. He then returned to Florida State as a professor where he directed many programs. In addition to his academic career he also had a private practice in clinical psychology. Dr. Kennedy authored a text book on child psychology, was a

masterful storyteller and a highly sought after speaker. He provided leadership to many professional organizations both locally and nationally. He was also active in community concerns including the Presbyterian Church where he was a Sunday school teacher and elder.

Other survivors include his children Lois Kennedy of Tallahassee, Wally Kennedy of Craig, AK, Lucy Bradley and son-in-law Bob Bradley of Raleigh, NC, and Lora Silvanima and son-in-law Henry Hall of Tallahassee; his grandchildren Cameron Kennedy and wife Meghan, Cassie Silvanima, and Patrick Bradley; and his great grandchild Harrison Kennedy.

A memorial service will be held at Faith Presbyterian Church, 2220 N. Meridian Road Saturday, October 20th at 11:00 am. A reception will follow the service in the Fellowship Hall. Bevis Funeral Home(www.bevisfh.com or 850/385.2193) is handling arrangements. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to the Nature Conservancy, Attn: Treasury [web/honorary giving], 4245 N. Fairfax Drive, Suite 100, Arlington, VA 22203, USA, (800) 628-6860.

Previous Events

Service

OCT **20**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Faith Presbyterian Church
2200 North Meridian Rd.
Tallahassee, FL 32303

Tribute Wall

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“*Mrs. Kennedy and family - So sorry for your loss. I have very fond memories of Dr. Kennedy and your family from my time at FSU working for Dr. Kennedy. He was a great character and I learned a lot from him.*

Jan Koenig (1970-1975)

Jan Koenig - October 23, 2012 at 09:26 AM

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“*Lois-Thinking of you and your family at this difficult time. Just know others are keeping you in our hearts and prayers- Jane Cormier*

Jane Cormier - October 19, 2012 at 10:13 PM

MJ

“*May prayer and the reading of the Bible, God's Word, be a source of inner strength to know that there's a loving God watching over you, and, that, throughout this time of need, He'll stay close by your side to guide you and support you.(Isaiah 55:22; John 5:28,29)*

M. Johnson - October 18, 2012 at 08:38 AM