



William Chaires Boynton

September 1, 1981 - July 18, 2022

William Chaires Boynton left this world to join his Heavenly Father on July 18th. He was born September 1, 1981, in Tallahassee where he lived most of his life. During the last two years, he was attending school in Asheville, NC.

He was the eldest child of Ben Chaires Boynton and Anne Ruff Boynton and was the brother of Laura Katherine Boynton and Anna Boynton Cronmiller (Matt) of Charlotte, NC. His grandparents were Bill and Sue Boynton of Tallahassee and Alf and Carolyn Ruff of Greenville, SC.

Will was an Eagle Scout, loved baseball, golf, deep conversations, reading, and creative writing. He has received accolades for his writing and recently won awards for two of his works. Will was an avid bridge player, and he attained the level of Diamond Life Master. He graduated from Baylor School in Chattanooga, TN and worked as a peer counselor at Apalachee Mental Health Center. For the past two years, he co-facilitated a peer support group through the Asheville Chapter of the National Alliance of Mental Illness (NAMI). He was registered to begin classes at the University of Florida in Gainesville next month to complete his degree in educational sciences to better counsel young people. Will's family is so proud of his perseverance and many accomplishments.

He was a dedicated caregiver for his grandmother, Sue Boynton. The two had a very special relationship and helped each other until her death in December 2018. Will's beloved canine companion, Kiwi, was always by his side.

Will was a loving son, brother, uncle, and friend to many. He was a man of faith and utmost integrity. He had an exceptionally compassionate and gentle heart and was always sensitive to the needs of others. He had a good sense of humor and a playful spirit. He gave the absolute best hugs and was always willing to provide anyone a listening ear, his encouraging support, and sage advice. He will be dearly missed by all who knew him.

While we are unable to understand why God allowed his passing, we experience solace knowing he is at peace and with his grandmother playing bridge once again.

A memorial service will be held at 2:00PM on Monday, August 1, 2022, at Killlearn United Methodist Church in Tallahassee on Monday, with a reception immediately following. The service will be live streamed at www.KilllearnUmc.org/Boynton.

In lieu of flowers, we would appreciate donations to the National Alliance on Mental Illness (made in Will's honor to NAMI) at <https://www.nami-tallahassee.org/join-us/donate/> , P.O. Box 14842, Tallahassee, FL 32317, Lee's Place Inc. at <http://leesplace.org> , 216 Lake Ella Dr, Tallahassee, FL 32303, or Killlearn United Methodist Church at , <https://killlearnumc.org/give> , 2800 Shamrock

Street South, Tallahassee, FL 32309.

Rocky Bevis of Bevis Funeral Home (850-385-2193 or www.bevisfh.com) is assisting the Boynton family with their arrangements.

Cemetery Details

Roselawn Cemetery

815 West Piedmont Drive
Tallahassee, FL 32308

Previous Events

Memorial Service

AUG 1. 2:00 PM (ET)

Killearn United Methodist Church
2800 South Shamrock
Tallahassee, FL 32309

Tribute Wall

EA

“ Without sounding trite and insincere i wish to express my sincerest condolences to the Boynton family. As a parent myself the "rule" has always been that parents are not to bury their child. I was Will's nanny when Will was just shy of 5, Laura was 19 months and Anna was born 3 weeks after I joined the Boynton family back in 1986. Will was such a sweet and endearing child. Always the caring big brother. My first night there I remember when I opened my eyes the first thing I saw was Will standing by my bed seeing this new person in his home. By the end of the week he referred me as 'our Elizabeth'. He was such a sweet boy and loved when we played the buggie game as I brushed his teeth I told him we had to catch the bugs in his mouth and brush them away. Sometimes they would escape on his chin or cheek and I had to quickly brush them away before they escaped! I am so grateful that on my few occasions on Facebook I was able to chat with him whole he was on one of his Bridge trips in Austine a couple of years ago. You will be greatly missed .

Elizabeth Aristizabal - August 18, 2022 at 12:37 PM



My apologies for the typos as I clicked on the wrong button before I could finish editing.

Elizabeth Aristizabal - August 18, 2022 at 12:40 PM

FD

“ Francine Dais sent a virtual gift in memory of William Chaires Boynton



Francine Dais - July 27, 2022 at 04:15 PM

FD

I knew Will through online bridge. He was a fierce competitor and had a great sense of humor. We laughed together quite a bit. He often would say, "Songie, nobody but you, LOL" when I would throw out a sarcastic and/or teasing remark, etc. Will used to talk about his grandmother often and was very sad when she passed. He loved the mountains and was greatly pleased with his move to Asheville, NC. It brought him a sense of peace. We shared a love of dogs. He texted a few pictures of Kiwi and we both laughed at the pics in early summer when he would have Kiwi pretty much shaved because of the Florida heat and Kiwi's two coats. Kiwi looked so offended! I knew Will had his own struggles, as we all do, and that he was dedicating his life to helping those afflicted with mental illness. He truly was a blessing for those in need. I will miss interacting with Will. My most sincere condolences to the family.

Francine Dais - July 27, 2022 at 04:32 PM

AC

Thank you so much for your comments! Will was truly an amazing person, and our family loves hearing from all those he touched!

anna cronmiller - August 03, 2022 at 08:54 AM

CM

“*First of all, I pray and ask God to bless and comfort Will's family during this time of loss. I first met Will when he acted as peer counselor for a NAMI group meeting in 2019. He was so kind, gentle, and caring. I did not get to know Will very much, but what little I did was enough to see what a disarming appeal he had. I also sensed in him a deep faith. He mentioned briefly about playing bridge. Then my ears perked up because I have been wanting to play social bridge since my college days (I'm in my 70's now). I asked Will if he would like to play with me and he was very hesitant to encourage me other than to suggest that I take beginner's classes taught by Joe Labat. I ended up joining our local duplicate bridge club and I realized that Will was on a far more stratospheric experience level than mine!*

Carlos Monserrate - July 25, 2022 at 04:15 PM

JH

“ Jimmy Heil lit a candle in memory of William
Chaires Boynton



Jimmy Heil - July 25, 2022 at 10:33 AM

JH

Prayers and blessings for you and your family Ben.

Jimmy Heil - July 25, 2022 at 10:35 AM