



William L. "Bill" Camper, III

February 12, 1943 - November 30, 2022

William L. "Bill" Camper, III, 79, died on Wednesday, November 30, 2022, in Tallahassee. Bill was born in Birmingham, Alabama on February 12, 1943, to Electra and William L. Camper, II.

Bill graduated from Florida State University in 1965 with a degree in Political Science and the University of Florida College of Law in 1967 where he was a member of the Delta Theta Phi Legal Fraternity and Secretary of the John Marshall Bar Association. On August 20, 1967, he married the love of his life, Shirley Brown, in Tallahassee, FL.

Bill was a member of the Florida Bar and held court admissions in all Florida Trial and Appellate Courts, United States First and Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals, the United States District Court for the Northern and Middle Districts of Florida, Florida Supreme Court and the United States Supreme Court. Bill practiced law for 47 years. He began his career with the State Comptroller's Office and served the people of Florida for most of his career with a few years spent in private practice. He served as the President of the Tallahassee Bar Association, he received the Distinguished Service Award in Criminal Justice and served as the state co-General Counsel for the Florida Council on Crime and Delinquency.

Bill was an avid Florida State University Seminole football fan and attended as many home games as possible. A talented horseman, Bill was one of the early members of the Renegade Team, which was the volunteer support staff for FSU's Chief Osceola and Renegade. Bill also enjoyed playing golf

whenever possible and loved sharing his golf scores!

Bill is survived by his wife Shirley of Tallahassee, Florida. He was preceded in death by his mother Electra Camper and father William L. Camper, II.

The family will receive friends from 10:00AM until 11:00AM on Monday, December 5, 2022, at Bevis Funeral Home, 200 John Knox Road. The funeral will follow at 11:00AM at the funeral home with a private burial.

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

Cemetery Details

Tallahassee Memory Gardens

4037 North Monroe St.
Tallahassee, FL 32303

Previous Events

The Family Will Receive Friends

DEC 5. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Bevis Funeral Home & Crematory
200 John Knox Rd
Tallahassee, FL 32303
(850) 385-2193

Funeral Service

DEC 5. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

SB

“ My name is Susan, but Bill always called me Sue and most of the people in my life, personal and professional, call me Sue. Bill was my cousin, but he was like a brother to me. I lived with him and his parents (Katherine and "Buck") for three years and spent most summers and my senior year of high school with them. I grew up, married, and moved to Arizona so lost contact for a while. Sadly, most of our contact was when a family member died. I loved Bill and am so sorry he is gone. Shirley, my condolences to you. I know how much he loved you. If you want to get in touch, my email is sberdeaux@gmail.com.

Susan Berdeaux - January 31, 2023 at 06:13 PM

JN

“ Bill possessed a generous heart. Every interaction with Bill either I in the courtroom or golf course was pleasant and refreshing reminder of the best that we possess as humans. He will be remembered.

jerome Novey - January 02, 2023 at 08:45 AM

KD

“ From Kathleen Dekker

I was an associate, and later partner, at Brown and Camper in the 80's. Bill was a great mentor. With much humor, Bill spent countless hours teaching me the practice of law. He took me to court hearings, depositions, trials, and let me sit in on client interviews. We shared values on balancing work and family. He was so devoted to Shirley. He was always saying something he loved about her.

Bill and Gene were the first to suggest I apply for an open Leon County judgeship in 1987. I never would have considered it but for their support and encouragement. As a judge, I had many FSU law clerks over the years. Inspired by Bill's mentorship, I tried to be a good mentor to them.

During the 80's we also had exciting times riding horses, especially at field trials. Bill even drove me to his favorite horse trader in Alabama, where I found the best horse I ever owned.

We lost touch over the decades. I always thought we would run into each other sometime and have a good laugh. Rest in peace, Bill. The world was a better place with you in it.

Kathleen Dekker - December 06, 2022 at 07:18 PM

BB

“ *Bill Camper magnified the meaning of generosity through the unselfish giving of his time, talents and treasures. His endless reservoir of stories always brought laughter to all and humility to many. Bill will be missed by all who paths he crossed - RIP.*

Bo Bludworth - December 05, 2022 at 10:41 AM

MH

“ Bill and I were law partners from 1976- 79. We bought and remodeled an office at the corner of College and Gadsden, tried cases together and I think we would both agree those were some of the best years of our practice lives. He was smart as a whip and had a tremendous wit. He remained a dear friend thereafter not only to me and my family but to the entire bar and everyone he ever met. May we all be so lucky to leave this world without anyone having anything but fond memories of us. Bill, you are now at rest after some really rough times with your health and I am happy for your peace but I will miss you brother. God bless Shirley and your family.

Mike Huey - December 03, 2022 at 06:24 PM

TP

“ Bill was a dedicated and competent golfer who played competitively with so many friends. All who knew him appreciated what a kindhearted person Bill was. He adjusted to difficult medical conditions and never asked for quarter. Bill was appreciated by many and will be missed.

Thomas Proctor - December 03, 2022 at 04:51 PM