



## William Durand "Randy" Deason

August 29, 1958 - March 18, 2015

William Durand "Randy" Deason, 56, passed away Wednesday, March 18, 2015 in Tallahassee, FL. Randy was a native of Quincy, FL. and a graduate of Shanks High School class of 1976. He returned to Quincy last year after retiring as the publisher of the Bluefield Daily Telegraph in Bluefield, West Virginia.

Randy is survived by his wife, Lucreta Colson, his father, Carlos Deason, his children, Liam Deason, Nathan Sturnlio, Nicholas Sturnlio, Elisabeth Dykes, and Adam Bowen. Two brothers, Ken Deason and his wife Pam and Terry Deason and his wife, Martha Jane and 4 grandchildren. He was preceded in death in 2014 by his mother, Ivaleen Deason.

The funeral service will be at 3:00 PM, Friday, March 20, 2015 at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, 816 Pat Thomas Pkwy, Quincy, FL. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to Big Bend Hospice, 1723 Mahan Center Blvd. Tallahassee, FL. 32308. Todd Wahlquist with Bevis Funeral Home, is assisting the family with their arrangements. 850-643-3636, [www.bevisfh.com](http://www.bevisfh.com)

# Previous Events

## Service

MAR **20**. 3:00 PM (ET)

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints  
816 Pat Thomas Parkway  
Quincy, FL 32351

# Tribute Wall

LD

“ I love my husband, and will treasure in my heart our memories. Until we meet again.

Your Wife,

Lucretia

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**Lucretia Colson Deason** - April 14, 2015 at 01:18 AM

JH

“ Randy was a real asset to the newspaper industry. He often shared his circulation knowledge & ideas with other professionals through leadership positions within Georgia Press Association. He gave of his time and his expertise. Randy will be missed by both colleagues and friends. John Hall, Forsyth County, GA.

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**John Hall** - March 19, 2015 at 10:34 PM

CB

“ My condolences to Randy's family. I worked with Randy in the newspaper in Tifton and he was the best man I ever worked for. He cared about his employees and let them know it. I treasure those memories and considered him a true friend. I so saddened by this loss and will keep his family in my prayers. - Chris Beckham

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**Chris Beckham** - March 19, 2015 at 02:25 PM

JH

Randy was a recognized professional in the newspaper industry. During his career he gave much back to circulation managers and directors through his leadership roles with Georgia Press Association. He will be missed by many colleagues and friends.

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**John Hall** - March 19, 2015 at 10:20 PM

DG

*I wish I could have stayed in touch with Randy over the years but I will fondly remember the time we spent together all those years ago. He was a down to earth person who was a good friend.*

*Doug Glisson*

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**Doug Glisson** - March 20, 2015 at 08:48 PM

MS

*I am so sorry to learn of the passing of Randy. We were in the same grade in school in Quincy for many years and he was such a nice person. I remember him having the nicest handwriting, being our quarterback, and being a nice person to be around. Randy was a popular guy and will be greatly missed.*

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**Mary F. Kohnke Smith** - March 21, 2015 at 08:15 AM

FR

*I will miss you my good friend. I will miss your love of life, love of laughter, and your love of helping others. I will always have the great memories of our times together. Rest in Peace.*

*Your Friend,  
Fred Greer*

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**Fred** - March 21, 2015 at 08:21 AM

TB

*I met Randy in 1984/85 when he started work at the Tallahassee Democrat. Though our lives went down different paths we infrequently kept up with one another. From his travels to Pennsylvania to Georgia to West Virginia we stayed in touch. There was always a common moment of laughter thinking back to those early days. Your ability to spontaneous laugh at those incidents -- I will keep with me.*

*Tom bartlett*

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**Tom Bartlett** - March 21, 2015 at 09:26 AM

JH

*Also a Quincy hometown boy, Randy and I were high school classmates. I think he was the only person in the classes we shared that was more quiet than I and that's saying a lot-considering he was our Quarterback and I was just quiet! My indelible memories of him stem from Spanish class. Watching him constantly try to pronounce his Spanish name which was "Guillermo" (mine was simply Jose) has left me with a permanent smile whenever I think of him.*

*Peace to you Randy.*

*Jerry Hicks*

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**JERRY HICKS** - March 21, 2015 at 03:21 PM

RC

*Also a Quincy native he was my quarter back for three of the four years we played football .He was always serious about his craft .I hadn't seen Randy since 1976 ,I want to send my condolences to his family .He was a true friend the community has lost a great one. Randolph Clark*

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**randolph clark** - March 22, 2015 at 09:47 AM

CH

*My condolences to the Deason Family. As a fellow member of the JASH class of '76, Randy and I went to school together for several years. I remember him as having a very quiet demeanor, a very nice guy and our quarterback! RIP Randy!*

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**Cassandra Sailor Harrell** - March 23, 2015 at 07:12 AM

SW

*Randy, you and I grew up as kids in the neighborhood back in the late 60s and early 70s--playing football, running around in the woods down the hill from our houses--you were such a great guy--never thought I would be reading your obituary. to your father, Carlos, and brothers Ken and Terry, and of course to your wife and kids--I wish you my sincere condolences. Randy was just a great guy. Rest in Peace.*

*Steve Winkler*

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**steve winkler** - March 26, 2015 at 09:02 AM