



William Youngblood Floyd

March 21, 1959 - November 27, 2021

William Youngblood Floyd passed away suddenly at his home in Tallahassee with his loving wife by his side on Saturday, November 27, 2021. Born on March 21, 1959 in Decatur County, Georgia, he was the third born and baby of the family to the late Clifford Lanier Floyd and the late Betty Jean Youngblood Floyd. William grew up in Bainbridge, Georgia, spending his adolescent years on the shores of Lake Seminole, and graduated as a Bearcat from Bainbridge High School in 1977.

William found the utmost fulfillment when given the opportunity to help others. It was rare for him to come across something he could not troubleshoot and ultimately fix. He was a marvel/master of anything with an engine, and spent his 40+ year career in parts, service and management. In his retirement, his passion and love for serving others inspired him to co-found Stratos Boat Owners Group on Facebook where he influenced over thirteen thousand members. One member noted, "I spoke with William several times on the phone. Every time I asked him a question, he had the correct answer." Though he did not meet every member face-to-face, he developed and maintained friendships throughout the United States.

William did not confine himself to one arena, however. In middle school, he joined the band where he learned to play trumpet. As a member of the high school marching band, he participated in the National Cherry Blossom

Festival Parade in Washington D.C. He carried his musical talents forward and was a well-rounded, and sometimes self-taught, musician. He played the drums as a young adult, and in later years played with the orchestra at Killlearn United Methodist Church where he was a member. In between, he loved his time spent singing bass in a southern gospel quartet, ministering throughout the southeast, where his vivacity, charm and talent were on full display.

While William loved the limelight, he also loved the sunlight! He was an avid outdoorsman and felt closest to The Lord while fishing for his next largemouth bass. He was a longtime member of Tallahassee Hawg Hunters Bass Club. William frequented various lakes including Seminole, Talquin, Miccosukee, Jackson, and the Apalachicola River. He cherished memories made on Lake Sinclair and Lake Oconee during his years spent living in Middle Georgia. Most recently, he savored his time fishing the ponds under the Spanish Moss that surrounded his home.

Never a man at a loss for words, William could and would talk to anyone. He had a divine gift for making others feel valued and welcome, and never met a stranger. It is often said that third born children are the charmers of the family, and often become the class clown. William assumed his role well! Friends and family could always count on him for a good story, and a great belly laugh!

William's ultimate accomplishment and greatest joy came from the love and fulfillment he found in the company of his family. He leaves behind a loving and devoted wife of 25 years, Nancy Warring Floyd, and his adoring children, Sierra (Kyle) McElhannon and Michael Floyd. William loved time spent with his family at the beach, the lake, the mountains, sitting around the pool in the summer, or a warm fire in the winter, but most of all loved "just being together."

William's service mentality transcended to his greatest loves, and he sought any opportunity to bring them joy. His special attention to detail made every Christmas memorable, as he always decorated his house and neighboring homes with lights from top to bottom! Featured in The Northeast Chronicle for his kind acts of service to his neighbors, it was noted "He has helped neighbors with car, plumbing and electrical problems, yard work and rounding up lost animals. When kids need air in their bicycle tires or basketballs, he's there with pump in hand." He loved to shop for the perfect gifts for his family, and enjoyed ironing everyone's Sunday best. He always said "I love you."

William was a loving, kind and godly man. William was a son, a husband, and a father; a brother, and an uncle. He was a friend, an outdoorsman, and a servant. Now, he is healed; he will be missed by many!

William is preceded in death by his parents, Clifford and Betty Jean Floyd, and his sister, Sandy Floyd Perry. Survivors include his wife, Nancy, his children, Sierra (Kyle) McElhannon and Michael Floyd, his brother, Len (Sheila) Floyd, his father-in-law, Nick Warring, his father-in-law, James Hoar, brother-in-law, Nick Warring, sister-in-law, Karen (Todd) Gage, many adored and loved nieces and nephews, and his beloved dog, Molly, and kitty, Macy.

A Celebration of William's life will be held at Bevis Funeral Home in Tallahassee, Florida on Friday, December 3, 2021, at 2:00 p.m. To view the livestream, please go to <https://www.bevisfh.com/obituaries/William-Floyd-14/#!/PhotosVideos>. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that contributions be made to The Leon County Humane Society (<https://www.leoncountyhumane.org/donate/>), or Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (<https://myfwc.com/get-involved/support-fwc/>).

Kelly Barber of Bevis Funeral Home (850-385-2193 or www.bevisfh.com) is

assisting the Floyd family with their arrangements.

Previous Events

Funeral Service

DEC 3. 2:00 PM (ET)

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

The Family Will Receive Friends

DEC 3. 2:30 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Bevis Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of William Youngblood Floyd*



Bevis Funeral Home - December 02, 2021 at 05:34 PM



“ *It is so hard to believe that William is no longer here. We have known each other since grade school and were coworkers at one time. I am so glad that yeas able to see him a few weeks ago and spoke with him just a few days ago. We always talked of a lot of our memories of growing up. William, I love you friend, and will miss you. Rest easy my friend.*

Doug Long - December 03, 2021 at 01:29 PM



“ *Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of William Youngblood Floyd.*



December 02, 2021 at 01:46 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of William Youngblood Floyd.*



December 02, 2021 at 01:43 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of William Youngblood Floyd.*



December 02, 2021 at 08:53 AM



“ *Was sad to hear of William's passing. He's been a friend since high school. Lost touch after school and reconnected when we both ended up singing in the Tonemasters Quartet. He had a great bass voice. He will be missed. Nancy, Cierra, and Michael, my thoughts are with each of you during this time of sadness.*

Greg Haire - December 02, 2021 at 08:52 AM



“ *William and I worked together at Keenan Auto Parts here in Bainbridge. We became friends and he showed me some tricks on how to play drums. This was my last job before going into the Army. Rest easy my friend.*

Billy Keasler - December 02, 2021 at 07:54 AM



“ *Fairest of All was purchased for the family of William Youngblood Floyd.*



December 02, 2021 at 07:14 AM



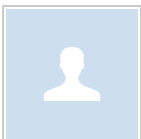
“ *I have fond memories of the our time as teenagers spent with William during visits in Bainbridge. As adults, we talked about meeting to fish at Seminole Lake, and we never got together. I regret not making that happen.*

Felton Youngblood - December 02, 2021 at 06:57 AM



“ *I am sorry to hear of the passing of my old friend so many memories to tell and remember. I have known William for more than 50 years and will miss him dearly. Rest In Peace and to the family God be with each and every one.*

Jimmy Elkins - December 01, 2021 at 07:22 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of William Youngblood Floyd.*



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“ *Didn't know him long but truly enjoyed the time we shared talking about fishing!!! I will always regret not going over and fishing the pond he talked so much about!!
Rest in peace my friend!! 🙏*

Vaughn Lasater - December 01, 2021 at 09:23 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of William Youngblood Floyd.*



December 01, 2021 at 08:47 AM