



## William Benjamin Holland, Jr.

October 11, 1950 - July 25, 2024

William Benjamin Holland, Jr., died peacefully at his river home in Carrabelle, Florida on July 25, 2024. Born on October 11, 1950 in Lakeland, Florida, Bill lived in Winter Haven, where his father practiced law, until age 12 when he moved to Tallahassee along with his mother, brother, and sister. The remainder of his life he was a resident of Tallahassee, his mother's hometown.

Bill's business classes at Santa Fe Community College and Tallahassee Community College set the stage for what was to become his true calling--heating and air conditioning; he received his state license in HVAC work in 1993. Over the next 30 years, he built and operated a successful small business--Bill Holland Heating and Air Conditioning. He continued to work until the end of his life, evidence of his dedication to his trade. However, his success would not have been possible without the support of his many friends, clients, and colleagues over the years. He often spoke of these relationships with respect and gratitude.

Bill was an avid saltwater fisherman who loved the outdoors and spent many happy days on the water with his brother and friends. As a young adult, he enjoyed birding with his Holland grandparents in Florida and the Washington, D.C. suburbs. These interests continued throughout his life. On the flip side, Bill's most recent fun obsession was a 1968 Camaro SS he was having restored. It's a beaut!

Bill joins his mother, Claudia Croy Burton (Tallahassee); father, William Benjamin Holland (Winter Haven); brother, Spessard Lindsey Holland III (Tallahassee); maternal grandparents, George P. and Minnie C. Croy (Tallahassee) and paternal grandparents, Spessard L. and Mary Groover Holland (Bartow, FL); and several aunts and uncles in eternal life. He is survived by his sister, Claudia Croy Holland and aunt, Gail Croy, both of Tallahassee; nephew, Wyatt C. McBride (Denver, CO); aunt, Ivanhoe Holland Craney (Winter Haven); and numerous loving cousins residing in Florida, Alabama, California, New York, and Oklahoma.

A memorial service will be held in the Trinity United Methodist Church chapel in Tallahassee, August 24, 2024 at 10:30 a.m.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to the Florida Chapter of the National Audubon Society ([www.audubon.org](http://www.audubon.org)) or the Florida Chapter of the Coastal Conservation Association ([ccaflorida.org](http://ccaflorida.org)).

Dayne Parker of Bevis Funeral Home (850-385-2193 or [www.bevisfh.com](http://www.bevisfh.com)) is assisting the Holland family with their arrangements.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

AUG **24**. 10:30 AM (ET)

Trinity United Methodist Church  
120 W Park Ave  
Tallahassee, FL 32301  
(850) 222-1120

# Tribute Wall



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Bevis Funeral Home - August 24, 2024 at 12:07 PM

AN

“ Bill was a fine fisherman. His brother Spessard took me under his wing 13 years ago and taught me most of what I know about offshore fishing. I got to know Bill thru him and we spent many fun days offshore. I'll think fondly of him every time I'm close to Nilo Red which was his favorite fishing hole. You were welcome on my boat anytime. Tight lines and calm seas buddy.  
Andy

andy nash - August 24, 2024 at 07:20 AM

KB

“ My condolences to Bill's family as they lost a sweet soul! I'll always remember his smile! I can recall many times meeting him at a home where he was repairing an HVAC unit & being greeted by that big smile! He was my go to guy many years for my real estate sales & I always could trust the job would be done right with honesty & fair prices! He blessed me early in my real estate career to chose me to work for him to buy his home back in 99! He said it was his forever home & to my surprise he told me when we met by chance about a year ago never sold it!! I remember as we parted that great big smile!

Kaye C Bishop - August 13, 2024 at 10:37 PM

CH

*Thank you so much for your kind words about Bill. Katie.*

**Claudia Holland** - August 15, 2024 at 08:56 AM

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*I'm sorry, I meant Kaye!*

**Claudia Holland** - August 15, 2024 at 08:57 AM

SI

*We lost a Legend. Bill's laugh was absolutely contagious . He will be missed.*

**Stewart Dalzell iv** - August 23, 2024 at 07:54 AM

WD

*Bill was like a brother to me. We were roommates and friends, then remained friends for thirty five years. I'm still in shock that he's gone. Rest in peace my special friend William Benjamin "Bill" Holland. I hope you're with Spessard and your mother in heaven. Save a spot for me brother. Until we meet again you'll be in my thoughts as I remember countless great times. Goodbye my friend. Prayers for peace and comfort from the Douglass family.*

**william Benjamin "Ben" Douglass** - August 23, 2024 at 07:55 PM