William Franklin O'Cain III

June 2, 1935 - February 27, 2025

William Franklin O’Cain III, 89, widower of Marie Louise (Blackburn) O’Cain, passed away peacefully on Thursday, February 27, 2025, at the Big Bend Hospice-Dozier House in Tallahassee, FL. William (Bill) was born on June 2, 1935, in Norristown, PA, to the late William Franklin O’Cain, Jr. and Marguerite Viola (Lockton) O’Cain. Bill had one sister, the late Ann Carolyn (O’Cain) Bischoff.

Bill enlisted in the U.S. Navy in August 1955 at the age of 20 and completed courses at Hospital Corps School and Aviation Medicine Technicians School during his service. He served for four years and was honorably discharged in August 1959. He subsequently served for two additional years in the U.S. Navy Reserve.

After his military service, Bill was hired by the Orlando, FL-based Martin Marietta Corporation (now, the Lockheed Martin Corporation), which produced aerospace equipment and defense systems for the U.S. government. Bill met Louise, and they married in June 1961. While working full-time and helping to raise a young family, Bill completed evening undergraduate coursework at Rollins College, in Winter Park, FL. He earned a Bachelor of General Studies and later pursued and earned a Master of Business Administration degree. Bill was promoted and became a Procurement Manager.

Bill retired from Martin Marietta after over 30 years of service. Afterward, Bill and Louise relocated from Orlando to a mountain home in Franklin, NC. While living in Franklin, they attended Mt. Hope Baptist Church. In his retirement, Bill enjoyed woodworking and model train railroading. Bill and Louise enjoyed 61 years of marriage. After Louise's death in 2022, Bill sold the Franklin home and relocated to Tallahassee. Bill began attending Seminole Baptist Church in April 2023 and later became a member in May 2024.

Bill is survived by his sons, Steven Mark O'Cain and his wife, Carol Frances (Crickenberger) O'Cain of Tallahassee, FL; and Daryl Craig O'Cain and his wife, Marcy Lynn (Bruscino) O'Cain of Raleigh, NC; and his three grandsons Samuel Franklin O'Cain of Austin, TX; Daniel Gilbert O'Cain of Tallahassee, FL; and Ryan Henry O'Cain of Raleigh, NC.

A Celebration of Life service will be held 11:00 a.m. Saturday, March 8th, 2025 at Seminole Baptist Church. Susie Mozolic of Bevis Funeral Home is assisting the O'Cain family with their arrangements. (www.bevisfh.com 850-385-2193)

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

MAR **8**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Seminole Baptist Church
3330 Mission Road
Tallahassee, FL 32303

Tribute Wall

Bevis Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of William Franklin O'Cain III

Bevis Funeral Home - March 11, 2025 at 10:34 AM