



William Howard Petty

June 11, 1941 - March 31, 2017

William Howard Petty passed away peacefully in his home on the morning of 3/31/17. He was 75 years old and had lived in Wakulla County for 40 years. Known by many as "The Mushroom Man" because of his avid study of mycology, he was a lover of nature and encouraged that passion in others. He was involved with the Sarracenia chapter of the Native Plant Society and was also a Master Gardener. He loved to play music and volunteered at Eden Springs in Wakulla County. He worked for Florida State as a Database Analyst for most of his career and was a graduate of Florida State University with his Master's in Mathematics. He is survived by his daughter, April Anne Petty. Bill's parents, William and Laura Petty of Panama City, and his wife Dr. Anne Petty, are previously deceased. A private memorial will be held. In lieu of flowers, please consider donating to one of Bill's favorite charities in his name: Florida Wild Mammal Association in Wakulla County, 198 Edgar Poole Road, Crawfordville, FL 32327; The Florida Native Plant Society, Wakulla County Public Library, 4430 Crawfordville, Highway, Crawfordville, FL 32327 or the NAMA Endowment Fund, 1631 Laura Lane SW, Tumwater, WA 98512. David Conn of Bevis Funeral Home, Harvey-Young Chapel, Harvey-Young Chapel in Crawfordville is assisting the family. (850-926-3333 or www.bevisfh.com)

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Linda Smith - April 07, 2017 at 07:30 PM

SH

That's Bill with his mushrooms...

Steve Harsch - April 09, 2017 at 06:24 AM

DB

Let us all reflect the wisdom of Petty....Do Good, Be Kind and Have Fun !!!

D W Borland - April 11, 2017 at 05:03 PM

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Steve Harsch - April 06, 2017 at 10:51 AM

SH

“ *My condolences. I've known Bill through the Gulf States Mycological Society for 25 plus years. He was a "Renaissance" man, knowledgeable, and talented in many areas, plus a very kind person known for his quick wit and humor. He will be missed by many in the Society and myself.*

Steve Harsch - April 06, 2017 at 10:48 AM



“ *Bill played guitar, banjo, a little ukulele and mandolin. He could be found every week at the Eden Springs nursing home playing with the Volunteers. He played around the area with friends. Bill loved life. He loved insects, trees, birds and wildflowers and knew the names of all of them. He loved his daughter and his wife Anne above most things. Bill received visitors during his last weeks, His last words were "I am counting my blessings."*

Linda Smith - April 06, 2017 at 07:10 AM

JK

I didn't know Bill for long but I believe I knew him well. My tendency is to be drawn to God's love warriors. His good and kind souls. No doubt Bill was one. Rest in sweet peace, brother. I am fortunate to have met you. My condolences to his loving daughter, April.

James Knauff - April 06, 2017 at 05:22 PM

JH

Ken and I knew Bill many years. If we were out working in the yard and Bill came by walking, he always stopped and we would talk and talk. He was so interested in gardening and was eager to show me the arbor he made for Ann. He joined us in our music group where he would play the guitar. He told us his favorite song was "Moon River". He played and sang it for us that night. Ken and I are glad we knew ill. Condolences, April.

Joan Hendrix - April 07, 2017 at 11:10 AM

LA

“ I first met Bill in 2003/2004 at an evening meeting of the Iris Garden Club. In the years since, I have enjoyed Bill's company and benefited from his tremendous knowledge at many gardening related events. He often participated in our annual Arbor Day Tree Giveaway, sometimes as a tree expert and sometimes as a musician. It seems fitting that this past Arbor Day festival was my last time to visit with him. I wish he could have been with us for many more years. I will miss him.

Lynn Artz - April 05, 2017 at 06:35 PM

DM

“ Bill and Anne were dear friends during my undergraduate days at Florida State. They were both fascinating people in so many wonderful ways. I remember Bill as a kind and gentle soul, a big lovable bear. I still delight in how he recounted seeing several Beatrix Potter characters helping in the operating room during his surgery last year. That was Bill, an innocent dreamer even during the worst of times. I know he will live on in the memories of many.

David Lee McMullen - April 05, 2017 at 01:51 PM

PC

“ Pamela Chamberlynn lit a candle in memory of William Howard Petty



Pamela Chamberlynn - April 05, 2017 at 12:33 PM

PC

Blessings on your next adventures through the Universe Bill. A little rest and healing and you're off and running. Maybe a new body and persona whenever you're ready to play here again (no rush), I continue to hold your sacred individuality with unconditional Love.

Pamela Chamberlynn - April 05, 2017 at 12:38 PM

FM

Bill and Anne were very dear people that I had the honor of knowing while I was an undergrad and fellow hippie, love is all you need

francesca melichar - April 05, 2017 at 05:30 PM