



William Randall "Randy" Walford

April 25, 1932 - January 7, 2017

William Randall, "Randy," Walford was born April 25, 1932 in Youngstown, Ohio. Shortly after, his family moved to New Castle, PA, where he lived until adulthood. He entered his eternal home January 7, 2017 in Margaret Dozier Hospice House surrounded by family and friends.

Randy served in the US Coast Guard. After being stationed in Yakutat, AK, he was moved to Miami, Florida. Following his discharge, he remained in Florida to attend Stetson University, DeLand, FL where he majored in accounting and played on their baseball and golf teams. He met his wife Sylvia Blake at Stetson. They have been married nearly 57 years.

They began married life in Belle Glade, FL. Then moved to Indian Harbor Beach where Randy worked as a programmer for Pan Am. In 1967, they moved to Tallahassee and Randy worked for Information Resource Commission. Then in 1969, when the Dept. of Public Safety and Dept. of Motor Vehicles merged to form the Dept. of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles he began work there. He was the first Director of the new Kirkman Data Center which became one of the larger data centers in state government. In addition to many other accomplishments during his tenure as Director, he led the FRVIS project to develop and install computers and programming in all Florida Tax Collector offices throughout the state. This project enabled citizens to get license plates, renewals and vehicle titles quickly from their local offices rather than submitting paperwork to the main office in Tallahassee and waiting many days for requests to be filled. He

retired in 1994 as the Chief, Bureau of Software Services, Dept. of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles.

Randy was a member of East Hill Baptist Church and served on several committees. He had taught Vacation Bible School and also taught young children in the Kids For Christ (KFC) program on Wednesday evenings. He enjoyed helping with the distribution of food during that ministry period.

In his free time, Randy loved playing golf. He was a low handicapped golfer and played as often as he could for as long as he could. He was certified as an official to rate golf courses for the Florida State Golf Association (FSGA) and served in that capacity in North Florida for a number of years. He also served as a Director of the FSGA from 1992-1997. From 2008-2014, Randy served on the FSU University Musical Associates board and, as a music lover, enjoyed this role tremendously.

Randy is predeceased by his parents, William and May Walford, brother, Reginald, sisters, Amy Keely Palmer and Marie McGinnis.

Randy is survived by his wife Sylvia, his two daughters, Lynn (Bob) Ellis of Evansville, IN and Lisa Sumner; his three grandchildren, Blake Ellis of Chico, CA, Randall Sumner, Hannah Sumner, of Tallahassee; two step-grandchildren Jill Ellis and Mitchell Ellis; two step-great-grandsons, Cullen Plyley and Grayson Ellis, of Indiana, and many nieces and nephews.

A celebration of life service will be held at East Hill Baptist Church on January 12, 2017 at 11:00 AM followed by a reception in Fellowship Hall. Burial will follow at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that contributions be made to East Hill Baptist Church or FSU University Musical Associates, College of Music, FSU. Susie Mozolic of Bevis Funeral Home is assisting the family with their arrangements. (www.bevisfh.com 850-385-2193)

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

JAN 12. 11:00 AM (ET)

East Hill Baptist Church
912 Miccosukee Road
Tallahassee, FL 32303

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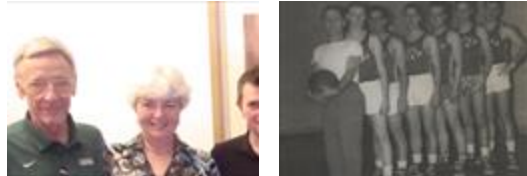
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“ *The British branch of the family send our condolences and thoughts at this sad time. I remember fondly researching my family tree and then tracking you down with only the photo below to go on, and then having you come visit us in Birmingham and London. Love and best wishes, Craig Deeley*



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“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of William Randall "Randy" Walford.*



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