



## Cecil Howard Wise

July 31, 1943 - June 27, 2023

Cecil Howard Wise was born on July 31, 1943 in Springfield, Missouri. Cecil served in the Air Force in the Vietnam War as a crew chief for a fighter jet. While he lived in California after the war he began surfing and scuba diving. After returning to Missouri, Cecil became very involved with photography and water skiing and was a scuba diving instructor in the late 70's. In 1984 he married Karol Finley and remained happily married to her until his death on June 27, 2023. Cecil was an avid photographer. He enjoyed taking nature photos along with many photos of his family and friends.

After Cecil retired from IBM he and Karol became tennis referees and organized and ran many national and international tennis tournaments. He also photographed tennis tournaments and many of his photos were published in tennis magazines. Cecil enjoyed traveling and experienced many wonderful vacations across the globe. Cecil was an active member of Anastasia Baptist Church and enjoyed serving on the Senior Travel Committee.

Cecil will be remembered for his dry sense of humor, creating memorable experiences for those who were fortunate enough to know him, and taking many photographs documenting his travels and pastimes. Cecil leaves behind his wife Karol, two sons, Estel and Cecil Jr, their wives, Rhonda and Mia, and one grandson, Estel, all of whom loved him deeply. There will be a visitation at Anastasia Baptist Church on July 10, 2023 at 10:00 am and a Celebration of Cecil's life at 11:00 am.



# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL **10**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Anastasia Baptist Church  
1650 A1A S  
St. Augustine, FL 32080  
(904) 471-2166

# Tribute Wall



“ *St. Johns Family Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Cecil Howard Wise*



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“ *My dearest friend Karol. I'm so so sorry for your loss. You both have been the best example of what kindness, and gentleness means for me . I learned so much from Cecil and you both are the reason I have remained an Official with USTA. He taught me to have compassion ,and patience when working with others, regardless of age, or anything else. I remember his words “Maria , let them play” and have quoted him often. I will never forget him .I will miss him.My prayers are with you and the family.*

*I love you.*

*Maria De Bacher*

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**maria de bacher** - August 22, 2023 at 02:36 PM