



George Earle Leath

September 25, 1945 - October 18, 2024

George Earle Leath of Keystone Heights, FL passed away on October 18, 2024, at the age of 79.

He is survived by his wife Dianne of 53 years, and their golden retriever Princess Grace “Gracie” of Lake Brooklyn.

He is predeceased by his parents, A.S. “Skeet” and Eunice Leath; brother and sister-in-law Don and Fran Leath; sister Lois Leath Pitman; brother-in-law Stefan Brokas; nieces Kathy Jarosz and Missy Brokas; nephew Mac Leath; and four golden retrievers, Ginger, Sandy, Carly, and Katie.

He also leaves behind sister-in-laws Christine Brokas and Celeste Brokas; brother-in-law Mickey Brokas (Nora); nieces Elaine Goodrich, Lisa Darnall, Becky Mattix (Mike), Marieka Allen (Trevor), Stefanie Renovales (Gerardo), Alexis Barnie (David); nephews Russ Pitman (Kim), Nik Brokas (Stasia); great niece Lauren Silverman (Ian); great nephews Jordan Goodrich, T.J. and Trent Allen; great-great niece Emilia Silverman; great-great nephew Max Silverman; brother-in-law and longtime friend Billy Pitman (Sylvia).

He was born September 25, 1945 in Jacksonville, FL and moved to Keystone Heights in the 9th grade to join the first graduating class at Keystone Heights School. He served in the U.S. Navy Reserves for 26 years and retired as a Chief Petty Officer. With a combined service of 32 years, he worked as a Federal Fire Fighter at NAS JAX and Jacksonville Fire and Rescue Department.

He was very active in Ducks Unlimited, a life sponsor, and chairman of the

Keystone Heights Chapter. He was a member of the Melrose Masonic Lodge #89F&M.

His greatest love other than his wife was duck hunting at Merritt Island National Wildlife Refuge. There were also many hunting and fishing trips with his TGA friends Billy, Don, Herb, Rex, Mike, and Earle that he thoroughly enjoyed. This was evident in his love for the outdoors which included boating, working in the yard and the training of his golden retrievers who hunted with him. He was an avid football fan and loved watching the Gators play.

A memorial service will be held at 11:00 AM on Monday, November 11, 2024, at Keystone Heights Methodist Church, 4004 State Road 21 SE, Keystone Heights, FL.

In lieu of flowers, please feel free to donate to a charity of your choice.

Those desiring may send messages of sympathy and encouragement by going to his tribute page at www.stjohnsfamilyfuneralhome.com

St. Johns Family Funeral Home of St. Augustine is assisting the family with arrangements.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

NOV 11. 11:00 AM (ET)

Keystone Heights Methodist Church
4004 State Road 21
Keystone Heights, FL 32656

Tribute Wall

JK

“ Dear Diane, Please accept our deepest condolences. I had the great honor to serve with George in VP-62 on Crew 7. George was a great leader, shipmate and friend. We who knew him were blessed and honored.

Unfortunately, a recent surgery prevented us from travelling to attend the service. A donation has been made to the Sarasota Vets in George's memory.

Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

Love, John & Denise Kasper

John S Kasper - November 22, 2024 at 06:49 PM

CM

I agree with John. We had one heck of a P-3 Orion Crew. George "assisted" me through US Navy Chief Initiation and I will always remember him for his devious smile. He is my Brother and that is a Honor I will carry with me until we meet again.

Corky Miller - April 25 at 10:54 PM

LW

“ My family and I lived at the end of Immokalee Road when we were young. I remember seeing George jogging almost every afternoon.

Linda Oglesby Wilson - November 07, 2024 at 08:41 PM

GS

“ 1 file added to the album Guthrie



Guthrie Snellen - November 04, 2024 at 03:23 PM

MM

“ Dianne so sorry for your loss. I will be praying for you to be at peace during this time. You and George were a great example of a loving and perfect marriage.

Marilyn Marsh - October 29, 2024 at 05:07 PM

CC

“ Dianne, so sorry to hear of George's passing. He certainly was a special guy. I remember our teenage years skiing on Bedford Lake. Praying for your family.

Cherie Jenkins Cox - October 29, 2024 at 08:09 AM

JM

“ Diane, we are heartbroken that George has passed. I'm so glad that I got to know him! He's was the best and so fun! Buddy had told me several George stories 🥹
I won't be able to attend them but Buddy will be there. We love you very much!

judy Miller - October 29, 2024 at 07:33 AM