



Joe Byron Blewett

September 5, 1932 - December 30, 2020

Joe Byron Blewett, 88, passed away December 30, 2020 at Flagler Hospital. He was born near Paducah, KY to Asher and Anna Fay Blewett. They soon returned to their home where his father was principal of the first high school in Ocala, FL. They later lived in Defuniak Springs before returning to Paducah where he graduated from Heath High School.

Following graduation Joe enlisted in the Naval Air Corps and served four years during the Korean War based in Malta, North Africa, and Newfoundland. Joe graduated from Southern Illinois University where he majored in journalism and was editor of the college newspaper. Following graduation he worked as Night Managing Editor of the Playground Daily News in Fort Walton Beach, FL. Later he was Editor of the Lake City Reporter before retiring to St. Augustine Beach.

Running became a major interest in his 40s. Joe was instrumental in starting the Olustee Alligator Run. After running in 5K, 10K and 15K races he moved up to half marathons and then marathons. He ran ten marathons, culminating in qualifying for and completing the Boston Marathon in 1985. Joe continued to run and completed the 15K Jacksonville Gate River Run in 2016 at age 84. He enjoyed the beach and cheering for the Florida Gators.

Joe is survived by his wife, Diane (married 62+ years); daughter, Becky Blewett Andersen and grandson, Tyler Andersen, both of Jacksonville, FL; nephew, William Peyton Blewett (Kelly and Brandon) of Carbondale, Illinois; and cousins, Mary Kay Workman and Tommy Bagwell. He was preceded in

death by his parents, brother William Blewett and an infant sister.

A Celebration of Life will be held Saturday, January 9, at 10:30 a.m. EST at Ancient City Baptist Church. Covid-19 safety protocols will be in effect. For those unable to attend, you may watch a live stream by YouTube, type Ancient City Baptist Church, and click on Subscribe.

St Johns Family Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

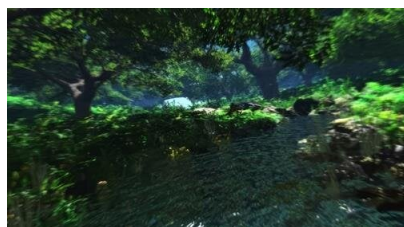
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Ancient City Baptist Church
27 Sevilla St.
St. Augustine, FL

Tribute Wall



“ *St. Johns Family Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Joe Byron Blewett*



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“ *Diane, we shared Joe's Memorial virtually. We know that yours and your family's loss is great, but we also suffer the loss of Joe as a community. We know that he was a good and kind man. We will miss his lovely smile and his friendly wave. We are here as yours and Joe's friend when you need us.*

Jerry and Gilmer Janet - January 09, 2021 at 11:52 AM

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“ *I am so sorry to hear of Joe's passing. My senior year at Columbia High School in Lake City my journalism class did the yearbook. We also restarted the CHS Tiger newspaper which Joe let us have the full back page. I was sports editor and wrote the game stories. One day Mrs. Dekle told me Joe Blewett wanted to see me. I went by the paper where he offered me the chance to write high school sports for the Lake City Reporter. I rode with Joe and Steve Knight to away football games and we met at the home games. Every Sunday night we would go to the Reporter and I wrote the game stories . At that time The Reporter was a Wednesday only paper. I appreciated the opportunity he gave me. My condolences to Joe's family.*

Jim Young - January 06, 2021 at 03:42 PM



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