



William Edward "Bill" Puckett

October 2, 1936 - May 27, 2021

William Edward Puckett, age 84, of St. Augustine, FL, passed away on May 27, 2021 at the Bailey Family Center for Caring, surrounded by his loved ones. Bill was born on October 2, 1936 to Frank Earle Puckett and Martha Cagle Warren in New Smyrna Beach, FL. After graduating from Carlisle Military School in 1954, he studied art at the University of Florida, and later attending the Ringling School of Art in Sarasota, FL. Bill served in the U.S. Army Reserve active duty. He then landed his first job as a Graphic Arts Manager for the Florida Times Union newspaper, kicking off a lifelong career in art and advertising, along with many other varied professions. In 1985, he met Laura Russell and they wed in 1987, going on to blend their family of 8 children. Bill had a passion for serving his community and was an active member of the Florida Attractions Association, Chamber of Commerce, ending his career as Zoo Director of the St. Augustine Alligator Farm. After retiring in 2005, he spent his free time sketching, painting and spending time with family.

Bill was preceded in death his parents, Martha Warren and Frank Earle, and his sister, Patricia Milhovich. He is survived by his wife, Laura Puckett, 5 children: Michelle Ward (Mike), Virginia Garmizo (David), Kathleen White (Blake), Elizabeth Dickey (Anderson) and Ashley Lavana; 3 stepchildren, Sarah Russell Kwiatkowski (Jordan Cunanan), Suzanne Russell Hudgins (Joey) and William B. Russell (Catherine); his 26 grandchildren and 2 great-

grandchildren.

A celebration of Bill's life will be held at 11 am on Saturday, June 5, 2021 at St. Johns Family Funeral Home with Bishop Robin McClellan officiating. A visitation, beginning at 10 am will precede the service. In lieu of flowers, donations in Bill's memory can be made to: Community Hospice of NE Florida, 4266 Sunbeam Road, Jacksonville, Florida 32257. Those unable to attend can view the service live streamed at <https://iframe.dacast.com/b/156599/c/549019>.

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

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 5. 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Johns Family Funeral Home
385 State Road 207
St. Augustine, FL

Celebration of Life

JUN 5. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



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St. Johns Family Funeral Home - June 07, 2021 at 10:32 AM



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“ *Sincerely, Miriam and Susi Garmizo purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of William Edward "Bill" Puckett.*



Sincerely, Miriam and Susi Garmizo - June 03, 2021 at 08:16 PM



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