



Jack (John Cole) Williams Jr.

January 20, 1938 - September 4, 2022

Jack (John Cole, Jr.) Williams passed away on Sunday, September 4, 2022 at AdventHealth Winter Park. He was born on January 20, 1938, in Lakeland, FL, the eldest of three sons, to Dr. John C. and Frances S. Williams. He grew up in Ocala, FL. He graduated from Ocala High School in 1955, where he excelled early in interscholastic sports until an injury from a horse-back riding accident ended his athletic career. Jack attended the University of Florida, receiving both a Baccalaureate and Juris Doctorate degree and being a proud member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity. While in law school he and his wife of 61 years, Idella (Dell) Kathryn Boyer, were married. Upon completion of his law degree, Jack initially was employed by the US Government (Washington, DC and Ft. Pierce, FL). In 1968, he and Dell relocated to Leesburg, Florida where he served as a state attorney and city judge and also engaged in private law practice. During this time he and Dell raised their son, John, and daughter, Kathryn, both of whom went on to become University of Florida graduates. Jack was a devoted man of God and a member of Good News Church (Leesburg). Jack and Dell loved to travel and he always knew the 'best little place off the main square' in every country they visited. In addition to being passionate about his family and his dogs, Jack was a proud Floridian, an even prouder patriot and a devoted follower and financial supporter of Gator athletics. He and his family reckoned time by counting the days from the end of one college football season to the beginning of the next. Knowing he was able to watch the Gators beat the Utah Utes at Ben Hill Griffin Stadium on

September 3 gives his family comfort. After a stop in Lady Lake, FL to enjoy their retirement, Jack and Dell recently relocated to Winter Park, FL, to be nearer their daughter, Kathryn. Jack will always be remembered for his wit, jovial spirit and winning smile. He made friends readily and enjoyed a wealth of dear and deep friendships during his lifetime. Those of us who knew him were the lucky ones.

Jack was preceded in death by his parents Dr. John and Frances Williams and the younger of his brothers, Dr. Robert E. Williams, all of Ocala, FL. He is survived by his wife, Dell, his children John and Kathryn (husband Devin), his grandson, Nicholas and his brother Jim (wife Paula).

Services will be at 10:00 AM on Thursday, September 15, 2022 at Beyers Funeral Home in Leesburg, with interment for family at Hillcrest Memorial Gardens and a reception to follow. In lieu of flowers, his family asks that donations be made to Good News Church in Leesburg (<https://gnc.churchtrac.com/give>; Memo: Jack Williams- Missions and Mercies).

Cemetery Details

Hillcrest Memorial Gardens

1901 County Rd 25A
Leesburg, FL 34748

Previous Events

Memorial Service

SEP **15**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Beyers Funeral Home & Crematory
1123 W Main St
Leesburg, FL 34748
(352) 787-4343

Interment at Hillcrest Memorial Gardens and a reception to follow.

Tribute Wall

LS

“ *My family had just moved to Ocala when I first met Jackie. It was my first day at my new school, Ocala Jr. High and he and I became friends immediately and then be best friends all through high school. Afterwards we went out separate ways but always stayed in touch all these years. I knew I could ask him for anything and he knew the same from me. Our Ocala High School generation has become old now and we all know the end of the road is not far away. Jackie my pal I'll see you down the road, until then I'll miss you buddy*
Leslie

Leslie Sharpe - September 14, 2022 at 01:27 PM

CC

“ *Jackie inherited his sense of humor from his dad. In high school he told me his dad had asked where he had been. Jackie told him he had been to see Charlotte Hatch. His dad replied "Did she?" I thought that was hilarious. We didn't see much of Jackie for years until the 1955 class luncheons. What a pleasure those have been. God give Dell and the family peace in all the sweet memories they lived with Jackie.*

Charlotte Chambless - September 14, 2022 at 10:12 AM

DI

“ *1 file added to the album Jefferson*



Diane - September 14, 2022 at 08:44 AM

DH

“ (Jack, Thanks for being our neighbor these last 15 years. We greatly enjoyed our times together. Whether it was just across the street for supper, going to a fine restaurant, or visiting UF for a ball game. It was a great time with you and Dell. We miss you, and will remember you always.
Dennis and Diane

Dennis Holden - September 14, 2022 at 07:49 AM

MM

“ My late husband, Bob and I had so many wonderful times with Jack and Dell, tailgating in Gainesville for the Gator games, attending out-of-town games, visiting with each other at class get-togethers and other events in Ocala. Jack was such a joy to be around with his bigger than life personality and always being so happy to be with family and friends. Bob and I always looked forward to sharing those times with Jack and Dell and I treasure those fond memories.
Mary Ann Mooney

Mary Ann Mooney - September 13, 2022 at 05:15 PM

DZ

“ The world lost a good one today.....Jack was an incredible guy. He will be dearly missed.

Derek Zappitello - September 12, 2022 at 03:29 PM



“ It's hard to pick just one memory to share when it comes to my Gator brother Jack Williams. He was a man I loved and respected for all of my legal career. I arrived in Lake County as one of its first women lawyers and there were many men who thought we shouldn't be there. Jack told me had had been one of those until he met me. The moment our relationship changed from dour acceptance to true friendship was one Saturday when I was working on a brief that involved a property issue. I took a break for lunch and saw Jack on Main Street. I called out and pulled over to ask his opinion of an issue I was working on. We sat for an hour discussing legal niceties and I took his ideas back and used them. I won the appeal, but, more importantly, I gained a true friend. When I was working on my first truly high profile case, one that involved a right to choice abortion issue, he came to my rescue once more. I needed to file a response in the United States Supreme Court to an order that had been entered accepting jurisdiction. This was in 1989 when fax machines were a new thing. I had to file by fax. The fax machine I was using malfunctioned, and Justice Kennedy's clerk called me to tell me my response wasn't coming through. He was kind enough to leave the US Supreme Court fax machine on even though the rules required that it be turned off at 7 pm and it was already later than that. However, there were few fax machines available in Lake County and most other lawyers had left their offices long before. Then I remembered my friend Jack had a fax at his office. I called him at home, and he graciously accepted my plea. He met me at his office and saved the day for me. Again, I won the appeal after his help, and this time it was in a case where I was sure his conservative views were probably the opposite of those espoused in my brief. He was a true professional who had my deepest respect. The best part of this memory came next ... he told his daughter Kathryn to call me when she was working on a high school paper about abortion. She called and ended up working in my office for several years while she was in school. She became one of my girls that I love and respect more than anyone on Earth. We also had some wonderful Gator adventures together with his family. He was a wonderful man who could always make me laugh

and think. I want his family to know how much I loved him and love them. If I do not make it to the funeral, it will be because I am having a bad day health-wise. I've been under the weather and I am unsure if I will be able to make it. Please know that my heart and mind are with you during what I'm sure is a difficult time. He lived a long and beautiful life, but it is always hard to lose such a dear person from this world of ours. Condolences and love to all.

Jerri Blair - September 12, 2022 at 01:58 PM

LP

“ *Our deepest sympathy for the entire family. Jack was a fixture in our neighborhood. He will be missed. Good bless Lonnie and Sandy Prater.*



lonnie prater - September 10, 2022 at 02:18 PM

MT

“ *Jack was such a wonderful part of our community here in The Grove at Harbor Hills. It was a joy to see how much he enjoyed taking his dog, Murray, on golf cart rides. He and his wife Dell have been missed since they had to recently move from the neighborhood.*

Marjie Tousiganant - September 10, 2022 at 12:37 PM

EK

“ I have very fond memories of my second family, The Williams, while I was at UF. I spent many weekends, holidays and football games with them and I grew to love them like my own. I have very special memories of Jack, football and bourbon and that's all I'm going to say. Kat, you know...My deepest condolences to his entire family. Jack, give my daddy a big hug when you go through Heaven's receiving line.

Erin Kurinsky - September 08, 2022 at 07:39 PM

KY

“ Matt and Kyla have fond memories of Jack at Gator tailgates. Always a wit and so much fun to be around. Lots of love and prayers ~ The Bakers

Kyla - September 08, 2022 at 05:10 PM