



Pat Kicklighter

March 17, 1944 - July 2, 2025

Pat R. Kicklighter, a devoted law-enforcement professional, community steward, and faithful servant of his church, passed away peacefully at his home on July 2, 2025, in Lake County, Florida. He was 81 years old.

A few years ago, Pat was diagnosed with dementia, beginning a long and difficult journey with a progressive illness that slowly changed the rhythm of his days. True to his nature, he met each moment with quiet determination, and his family walked beside him with love, patience, and deep respect for the man he had always been. Though the disease affected his memory, it never diminished his legacy, his kindness, or the impact he had on those around him. In his honor, and to raise awareness for the countless families affected by dementia, his loved ones will be wearing purple pins—a symbol of remembrance, support, and their continued hope for a cure.

Born in 1944, Pat dedicated his life to the service and protection of others. Over a career spanning more than four decades, he served first with the Eustis Police Department and the Lake County Department of Juvenile Justice, then with the Florida Highway Patrol. In 1974 he was sworn in as a Deputy Sheriff with the Lake County Sheriff's Office, later applying his investigative talents to the State Attorney's Office, from which he retired in 2004. In every capacity, Pat exemplified integrity, tenacity, and compassion—qualities that earned him the respect of colleagues and the gratitude of his

community.

Throughout his life in Umatilla, Pat and his beloved wife, Louise T. Kicklighter, devoted themselves wholeheartedly to their hometown. Together, they acquired and restored several historic residences—inviting family to share in the renovations and transforming each property for resale or rental.

Pat's commitment to community extended beyond his professional pursuits. A lifetime member of the First Baptist Church of Umatilla, he served faithfully in many roles (Deacon, Property Representative, Trustee, and choir). His leadership and generosity left an enduring imprint on the church family he loved.

He is survived by his wife of 58 years, Louise; his daughters Susan (Rodger) Moss of Umatilla, Beverly (Chris) Young of Longwood, and Cindy (Henry) Reno of Tavares, his brother Ralph (Myra) Kicklighter of Astor; seven grandchildren—Kelsey Marquez, T.J. Pendarvis, Travis Moss, Ryan Moss, Tyler Hamlin, Michael Young and Emily Young and five great-grandchildren: Colton, Wren, Bennett, Honey and Grayson. He was preceded in death by his mother, Mattie Lou; his father, Lloyd; his brothers Herman, William, and J.L.; and his sister Zedna.

Visitation will be held in Umatilla at First Baptist Church of Umatilla (FBCU) on Monday, July 14, 2025 at 5 pm with a celebration of Pat's life at FBCU on Tuesday, July 15, 2025, at 10 am. In honor of Pat's love and support of the next generation, in lieu of flowers please make donations to First Baptist Church of Umatilla Student Ministry. Pat's legacy of service, faith, and community will continue to inspire all who knew him.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 14. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

First Baptist Church of Umatilla
550 Hatfield Drive
Umatilla, FL 32784

Funeral Service

JUL 15. 10:00 AM (ET)

First Baptist Church of Umatilla
550 Hatfield Drive
Umatilla, FL 32784

Graveside

JUL 15. 11:00 AM (ET)

Umatilla Cemetery
Umatilla, FL 32784

Tribute Wall



“ *Beyers Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Pat Kicklighter*



Beyers Funeral Home - July 11, 2025 at 11:54 AM

TF

“ *The Bustamante Family purchased the Beautiful i n Blue for the family of Pat Kicklighter.*



The Bustamante Family - July 14, 2025 at 03:41 PM

HR

“ *Henry ans Cindy Reno purchased the Purple Viol et Yellow Wildflower Mix (Silk Cemetery Flowers) for the family of Pat Kicklighter.*



Henry ans Cindy Reno - July 14, 2025 at 01:28 PM

BK

“ Pat was a great person, investigator, and friend. I had the honor of working with him at the State Attorney's Office. He was always helping others and showed Christ to everyone who was around him. Time has separated he and I but I always remember him as the person to trust with anything important.

*Brad King
State Attorney, 5th Circuit
Retired*

Brad King - July 07, 2025 at 06:22 PM

SM

Dad deeply valued his work, but even more so, he cherished the friendships he made throughout his time in law-enforcement. Thank you so much for sharing a reminder of the light he carried and the lives he touched.

Susan Moss - July 07, 2025 at 07:47 PM

OH

Will be missed greatly. The time we worked together in CIB will always be a special part of my life.

Opal Handley - July 08, 2025 at 08:41 PM

WC

*Pat was always so nice to me and our family, he would smile and made you feel like he was glad to see you!
Welton Cadwell*

Welton Cadwell - July 09, 2025 at 03:35 PM