



## William Alfred Neron

February 17, 1946 - September 10, 2023

William “Bill” Alfred Neron, of Fruitland Park, passed away in the early morning hours on Sept. 10, 2023 at Cornerstone Hospice in the Villages. He was 77 years old. He was born on Feb. 17, 1946 in Lynn, MA. to Wilfred. A Neron and Simone Girard. The youngest of six children, Bill was predeceased by his siblings Jackie Dalrymple and Trudy Firmani. He is survived by his brother Raymond Neron and sisters Rita Gratton and Sue Dane.

Bill earned degrees from University of Florida and Nova University, but his heart has always bled orange and blue. He could be found in the fall watching the Gators play football from the comfort of his recliner with his pups, Sadie & Macie, eating fried chicken and Lays potato chips— where he could call all of the plays.

He was always a fantastic cook – with a passion for BBQ. He earned his master BBQ judge certification from the Florida BBQ Association, enjoying many events from the pit. He most enjoyed cooking meals for family, kicking them out of his kitchen and warning them to not spoil their meal with a snack. Throughout his career in city and county governments across Florida, Bill served as the assistant county administrator in Lee Co., the assistant county manager in Escambia Co., assistant county manager in Alachua Co., and the county manager for Lake County. He also worked in the private sector as a consultant before landing in Pensacola.

In Escambia Co. he was instrumental in bringing in the Ice Pilots, an East Coast Hockey League team. As the economic development director for Tavares, he launched the ever-popular Planes, Trains and BBQ event, brought in the sea-plane basin with av-gas, opened a train station for the vintage Orange Blossom Cannonball and created a community development district for the downtown area. The Splash Park was his favorite place and biggest pride and joy. He retired in 2015.

In retirement, he served on the Board of Directors and as the Board Chair of Habitat for Humanity of Lake-Sumter, lending his talents to ensuring that people in his community received the life-changing opportunity of home ownership.

He is survived by his loving wife, Catherine Neron; his beloved children daughter Jessica Barton her husband Richard Barton, Jr. and their children Zachary and Allison; his son Christopher Neron his wife Jill Neron and their children Joseph and Michael; and his stepdaughter Kelly Hawkins.

Arrangements entrusted to Beyers Funeral Home, Lady Lake, FL on Sunday, September 17, 2023 at 4:00PM with visitation at 3:00PM.

Online condolences may be made at [www.beyersfuneralhome.com](http://www.beyersfuneralhome.com).

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to Habitat for Humanity of Lake-Sumter.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP 17. 3:00 PM (ET)

Beyers Funeral Home & Crematory - Lady Lake  
134 N US Highway 441  
Lady Lake, FL 32159  
(352) 753-4444

## Memorial Service

SEP 17. 4:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Beyers Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of William Alfred Neron* ”



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**Beyers Funeral Home** - September 14, 2023 at 11:49 AM

JD

*Beautiful! I love all of the pictures capturing Uncle Billy as his true self!!*

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**Janet Dolence** - September 14, 2023 at 05:43 PM

GT

*Love the slideshow. Will miss his smile and sense of humor.*

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**Gail Tyson** - September 14, 2023 at 10:14 PM

BD

“ *Bill Deese lit a candle in memory of William Alfred Neron* ”



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**Bill Deese** - September 28, 2023 at 11:38 PM

JD

“ Bill was a mentor and friend. We worked side by side in Naples and in Tavares. He was a true professional, reliable and "get'er done" person. I will always remember him shouting out at staff meetings just prior to the "Events Season" - "ITS CRUNCH TIME PEOPLE!, He earned the nickname "Captain Crunch" thereafter as he masterfully orchestrated event after event after event. I will miss him  
- John Drury

John Drury - September 21, 2023 at 01:20 PM

KH

“ Kelly Hawkins lit a candle in memory of William Alfred Neron



Kelly Hawkins - September 15, 2023 at 10:25 AM

LG

“ Linda and Spike Gundersheimer planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of William Alfred Neron.

Linda and Spike Gundersheimer - September 15, 2023 at 06:56 AM

LG

“ Linda and Spike Gundersheimer purchased the Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses for the family of William Alfred Neron.



Linda and Spike Gundersheimer - September 15, 2023 at 06:56 AM

BG

“ *Cathy, I am so saddened to hear of Bill’s passing. While I never met him, I knew how kind and thoughtful he was through the way you talked about him. This past year has been difficult for all of you. I hope your memories of the good times help you through this time. Thinking of you. Barbara Gaines*

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**Barbara Gaines** - September 14, 2023 at 08:41 PM



“ *Jessica Barton lit a candle in memory of William Alfred Neron*



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**Jessica Barton** - September 14, 2023 at 04:39 PM



*You will be missed, dad.*

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**Jessica Barton** - September 14, 2023 at 04:39 PM

JD

“ *Janet Dolence lit a candle in memory of William Alfred Neron*



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**Janet Dolence** - September 14, 2023 at 01:33 PM

BB

“ *Beth Barton lit a candle in memory of William Alfred Neron*



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**Beth Barton** - September 14, 2023 at 11:01 AM

MC

“ *Maria Clemente lit a candle in memory of William Alfred Neron*



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**Maria Clemente** - September 14, 2023 at 10:51 AM

CN

“ *Catherine Neron lit a candle in memory of William Alfred Neron*



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**Catherine Neron** - September 14, 2023 at 10:02 AM

AM

*Uncle Bill will be missed by many, was loved by all.*

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**Amy** - September 17, 2023 at 06:32 AM