



William Roy Samples

July 1, 2022

William "Bill" Roy Samples, 89 of Gainesville, FL passed away on Wed, June 29, 2022 at Roberts Hospice Care Center in Palatka, FL

Bill was born Thursday, June 1, 1933, in Elkview, West Virginia to Benjamin Roy and Mary Florence (Rader) Samples.

Soon after High School he joined the U.S. Navy and served four years. While stationed in Jacksonville, FL, he met Louise Heins and they married in 1956. They had three children, Billy, Lou Anne, and Tommy. He received training as an electrician while in the Navy and founded MidState, Inc. in 1973. Since 1975 he was a very active member of Westside Baptist Church.

He was preceded in death by his son, Tommy, and his granddaughter, Ambra. He is survived by his wife of 66 years, Louise, his son, Billy (Julie) and daughter, Lou Anne (Rick) along with two grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Funeral Services will be held on Tues. July 5th at 5:30 pm at Westside Baptist Church. The family will receive family and friends one hour prior to services. Memorial contributions may be made in Bill's memory to the Haven Hospice; 4200 NW 90th Blvd. Gainesville, FL 32606 and/or Westside Baptist Church; 10000 W. Newberry Rd. Gainesville, FL 32606 Arrangements are under the

care of Forest Meadows Funeral Home.

Tribute Wall

PR

“ Louise, Billy LouAnne and family, Our prayers are with you all today as we know Bill will be missed dearly. We all have such great memories growing up with him and all the family at the lake house and Tiger Hole. All those Easter egg hunts in the empty lot next door. He will be in our hearts forever. Love Peg

peggy c roberts - July 05, 2022 at 08:48 PM

CH

“ Dear Aunt Louise, Billy and Lou Ann,
Our thoughts and prayers are with you today. We wish we could have been there but we just couldn't make it.
Though it has been so long since we've seen all of you, please know that I have nothing but the fondest memories of the times we were together so many years ago. Uncle Bill was always so nice to me and I'll never forget him!
Love,
Charlie and Teresa

Charlie - July 05, 2022 at 07:49 PM

FC

“ Louise,
Janie and I are praying for you, Bill and all the family.
Bill was like a big brother to me. I have many fond memories of our time spent at the lake and when Bill would let me drive the Healy..
Love you

Frank & Janie Charpiat - July 05, 2022 at 05:39 PM

BT

“ Louise and family, I'm sorry to hear that Bill passed away, I know he'll be missed tremendously. I enjoyed the time spent at Mid State and knowing all of you. Bill was always so kind and thoughtful to me and my family. He's resting with Jesus now and one day you'll be together again. My thoughts and prayers are with you during this time.

Brenda Thompson - July 05, 2022 at 03:34 PM

LC

“ Louise we are sorry for your loss. Bill was such a great person; He will live on in our memories forever. Our heartfelt condolences.

Larry & Rachel Charpiat - July 02, 2022 at 08:45 PM