



William Daye

March 4, 1931 - July 14, 2017

William “ Bill” Aldine Daye of Lakeland, Florida; formerly of Knoxville TN and Miami, Florida.

Triumphantly joined the loving arms of his mother Catherine and father Gussie Daye in heaven July 14, 2017 after his courageous battle with lung cancer. Born March 4, 1931 on the banks of the St. Johns River in West Toco, Florida. As a young boy he experienced life in many small towns throughout Florida. He loved to dance and once danced on the bar of the Brahma Restaurant in Ocala, Florida for Esther Williams and her Hollywood crew while she was filming a movie in Silver Springs, Florida. Ever the entertainer, Bill as a young man rode a Brahma Bull in the Ocala rodeo. Bill later moved to Miami, Florida where he was employed by Otis Elevator and became the Business Representative for the International Union of Elevator Constructors local 71. Throughout his 30 year career in Miami he had the occasion to meet many famous people; including Frank Sinatra and the members of the “Rat Pack” at the Fountainbleau Hotel. Bill was a humanitarian and while servicing an elevator at Jackson Memorial Hospital in Miami December 29, 1972, Eastern Flight 401 went down in the Everglades. Bill assisted with the transport of survivors. His daughters most remember him coming to their aid after Hurricane Andrew in August of 1992. Bill rescued his 5 year old grandson Benjamin and returned to Tennessee with him. Bill is survived by his daughters Donna Davis and Susan Daye Richards and their spouses Dwight Davis and John Richards, Stepdaughters Sheena Doyle and Connie Hope

and their mother Ruth Day of Lenoir City TN. Bill was blessed with four grandchildren, Benjamin Davis, Molly Richards, Amethyst and Jason Gulvartian as well as many loving nieces, nephews and cousins. Bill is survived by his constant companion Scruffy. Scruffy never left his side throughout his illness. Bill will be remembered as a generous and compassionate man. His family will forever mourn his death,

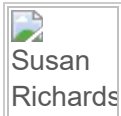
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“ *Few of us had the pleasure of knowing this beautiful soul but all of us love his daughter.*

Susan, we all are so sorry for your loss. You, your sister and families are in our thoughts and prayers.

Carolyn Williams, friends and former work family of St. Mary's Ambulatory Surgery Center

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“ *Terri McCormack lit a candle in memory of William Daye*



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“ Bill was the very first person I met when I moved here. From day one he had my heart. Many nights we sat on the corner and chatted with him. He was a man who never met a stranger. He loved helping with Gidget and her babies, loved Scruffy and King and adored his granddaughter Molly. I will forever be grateful he was in my life. May his family find peace in such a hard time.

Terri McCormack - July 17, 2017 at 04:29 PM

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“ Bill was our friend. Since the day we moved in across the street from him his kindness, caring and friendship to us meant so much. When he met our two 1 1/2 year old twin great-granddaughters he treated them like queens. When he learned of Ava's health issues he never failed to ask about them when they were not at our home. Bill and Scruffy would stop at the driveway and visit almost every day. His attitude towards his illness was inspirational. In his last weeks he would see our pain at what was coming and tell us "Not to worry - I'm only changing addresses." Bill was a friend who will be missed greatly.

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