



James Williams

June 17, 1926 - December 16, 2016

Williams, James Hunter 90Ocala - Jim Williams passed away on Friday, December 16th. He was born June 17th, 1926 to Cecil & Alleyne Williams of Ocala. He married Louise Oxner of Ocklawaha on his 18th birthday in 1944 and was a loving father to three children, Kerry (deceased), Laura & Jim. He was also the grandfather of Sara Slider (Kerrl), Dave Amold, Anna Roth & Drake Arnold (Laura & David Arnold), Leena Williams, Diana Williams-Torres, Hunter Williams & Van Williams (Jim & Diana). The great grandfather of Adeline & Wade Roth. Uncle of Tom Oxner and TannyeJohnson and great uncle of Asa, Alex and Abe Oxner and Ernie and Pearl Johnson. A lifelong Ocalan, he was involved in a number of businesses including limestonemining, beef cattle and citrus groves. In 1968, he got into politics, becoming a State Senator & serving for six years. He then was elected Lieutenant Governor where he headed the Department of Administration under Governor Reuben Askew. President Jimmy Carter appointed him Deputy Secretary of the U.S. Department of Agriculture where he served for four years in Washington D.C. Throughout his long business and political careers, he always found time to help with local community projects - Chairman of the Munroe Regional Hospital Board of Directors, President of Ocala Jaycees, fundraiser for United Way, YMCA, Salvation Army & many more organizations. That's only a fraction of the long list of worthy causes he has supported with his time and talents. With a 71 year marriage and a loving family, Jim has led as full and rich a life as anyone could have. There will be a

celebration of his life Friday, December 23rd at 5:00 p.m. at Ocala First United Methodist Church, 1126 East Silver Springs Blvd, Ocala, Florida 34470. In lieu of flowers, donations to United Way of Marion County, PO Box 1086, Ocala, Florida 34478 and the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) of Marion County, PO Box 5753, Ocala, Florida 34478 would be appreciated

Tribute Wall

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“ I first met Jim when we were both students at CFJC in the early 60s. He was the old guy, I was just 17 in 1962. I had just relocated from NY with my parents. Jim and I shared some common experiences, we both had an interest in government. I would become student body president in 1963. We met again at UF where we came together in some political science classes. He was a great guy. I assisted driving him around to events during his State Senate campaign in 1968, he would be in the back seat of the car chewing tobacco. We would see each other in Ocala over the years following his governorship with Rueben Askew, and USDA service in DC. I still have the hand written note he sent me after the congratulatory telegram I sent him after his appointment as Asst Secy of USDA by President Carter. I was sadden by his failing health of late. I regret that I did not make the extra effort to see him before his passing. I offer my condolences to the family on their loss. He was a great guy.

Berne Stalzer - December 23, 2016 at 12:00 AM

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“ To have known Jim was indeed a special pleasure.

Bruce E. Hutchinson - December 22, 2016 at 12:00 AM