



Merritt Capron Fore, Jr.

July 31, 1945 - January 4, 2025

Merritt Capron Fore, Jr. passed away peacefully at home, surrounded by his family, on January 4, 2025. Merritt went to be with his Lord and savior and reunited with his parents Merritt Capron “Pete” Fore and Katie Mae Pacetti Fore.

Born in Ocala, FL, on July 31, 1945, he is survived by Karen and Winston Needham, his sister and brother-in-law and by his wife of 54 years Nancy Jean Pratt Fore and their three children, Merritt Capron Fore III (his wife, Ryann Pauley Fore), Mac Pratt Fore (his wife, Jill Blankenship Fore), and Natalie Caroline Fore. Merritt had 6 grandchildren, Elise Kay Fore, 22, Ava Caroline Fore, 20, Halsey Kincaid Fore, 19, Brycen Pratt Fore, 17, Tallulah Jean Fore, 6, and Atticus Capron Fore, 5. He adored his grandkids, and his face would light up when they came to visit.

After graduating from Ocala High School in 1964, Merritt attended the University of Florida where he was a member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon Fraternity. Merritt graduated with a degree in Engineering in 1968 and finished Law School at UF in 1971. He served in the Army and was promoted to Captain in the Army Reserves. He worked as an Assistant State Attorney in Marion County before opening the Law Firm of Fore, Meffert, and Futch. In 1973, Merritt became a franchisee of Burger King.

Merritt was appointed to the Governing Board of the South West Florida Water Management District from 1989-1993. Merritt was a proud Bull Gator for over 40 years and he served on the Florida Gator Boosters Board of Directors . Merritt was a member of the Ocala Elks Lodge where he served as the Exalted Ruler from 1979-1980. Merritt was a member of the Florida Bar for 50 years. Merritt was a member of First Baptist Church of Ocala. He enjoyed fishing, hunting, golf and traveling with his family and friends. He will be greatly missed by all who loved him.

There will be a celebration of life for Merritt at the First Baptist Church of Ocala on January 13th at 2pm. A reception will be held immediately following the service and all who knew him are welcome to attend. Donations in lieu of flowers can be made to Hospice of Marion County, Interfaith of Marion County or Florida Elks – Harry-Anna Trust Fund. Arrangements by Roberts of Ocala 352-537-8111.

Tribute Wall

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“ *The Aubrey Family purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Merritt Capron Fore, Jr..*



The Aubrey Family - January 15, 2025 at 12:45 PM

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“ *The Aubrey Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Merritt Capron Fore, Jr..*

The Aubrey Family - January 15, 2025 at 12:45 PM

JG

“ *Merritt was a life-long friend from when the Fores lived on SR 200. I can still hear his laugh and will always remember him with fondness. My heart goes out to all of the family 🌹*

Janice Gray - January 12, 2025 at 04:09 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Merritt Capron Fore, Jr..*



January 11, 2025 at 07:24 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Merritt Capron Fore, Jr..

January 10, 2025 at 07:42 AM



“ Serene Reflections Bouquet was purchased for the family of Merritt Capron Fore, Jr..



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“ Beverly and Donny Kaker planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Merritt Capron Fore, Jr..

Beverly and Donny Kaker - January 08, 2025 at 08:21 PM



“ Beverly and Donny Kaker purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Merritt Capron Fore, Jr..



Beverly and Donny Kaker - January 08, 2025 at 08:21 PM

RS

“ Merritt was a friend, lifelong partner, and leader with a heartfelt soul. I will always miss, his almost daily, considerate and "challenging" conversations. He was one who thought "outside the box". He motivated and incited the best in myself. I am grateful for the opportunity he allowed me and my family to live in 35+ years of association . You are always in my thoughts and will be greatly missed . Thank You for being in my life. Russ

Russ Seus - January 08, 2025 at 01:47 PM

RS

“ Russ -Pam & Laurel Seus planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Merritt Capron Fore, Jr..

Russ -Pam & Laurel Seus - January 08, 2025 at 01:06 PM

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“ Russ -Pam & Laurel Seus purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of Merritt Capron Fore, Jr..



Russ -Pam & Laurel Seus - January 08, 2025 at 01:06 PM