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Russell Eugene Baillie, beloved husband, father, grandfather, and friend, passed away

peacefully on Thursday, June 5, 2026.

Born on November 6, 1952, in Ocala, Florida, Russell lived a life deeply rooted in family,

friendship, and a love for the outdoors. He made his home on the western shore of Lake

George, where he found great joy in the natural beauty of Old Florida and the simple

pleasures of life on the water.

Following his graduation from Ocala High School, Russell attended Georgia Institute of

Technology, where he was a proud member of the Sigma Chi Fraternity. He later

graduated from the University of Florida, carrying with him lifelong friendships, cherished memories, and a deep appreciation for the values of brotherhood,

leadership,

and service.

A respected leader in both his profession and community, Russell was a

lifetime

member of the Ocala Lions Club and proudly served as its president.

Dedicated to

community service and helping others, he exemplified the Lions' motto, "We Serve." He

also served as President of the Florida Surety Agents Association, earning the respect

and admiration of colleagues throughout the state for his leadership, integrity, and

commitment to his profession.

Russell was the devoted husband of Jaye Sterchi Baillie, with whom he shared a life

filled with love, laughter, adventure, and unwavering partnership. Together, they built a

family that was the pride and joy of his life.

He is survived by his daughter, Rebecca Baillie Stumme and her husband, Andy

Stumme, and their children, Emory and Clark Stumme; and by his son, Sam Baillie and

his wife, Beth Baillie, and their children, Henry and Lora Kate Baillie. Russell cherished

his role as a grandfather.

Russell was happiest outdoors. Whether fishing the waters of Lake George, hunting

with friends and family, boating, or tending a barbecue surrounded by loved ones, he

embraced life with enthusiasm. For decades, he looked forward to summer vacations in

the Florida Keys, where countless days were spent fishing, laughing, and making

memories with family and friends. Those trips became treasured traditions

and some of
the happiest moments of his life.

Known for his quick wit and wonderful sense of humor, Russell had a remarkable ability to make people laugh and feel at ease. He never met a stranger and had a gift for turning ordinary moments into memorable stories. His warm smile, generous spirit, and easygoing nature made everyone feel welcome.

Those who knew Russell will remember a man of quiet strength, deep loyalty, and steadfast love for his family. He found joy in simple moments, valued hard work, and lived with an appreciation for the people and places he loved most.

Though his passing leaves a tremendous void, his legacy lives on in the family he cherished, the friendships he nurtured, and the countless memories shared around campfires, on the water, in the Florida Keys, and at Lake George. Russell will be deeply missed and forever remembered by all who were fortunate enough to know and love him.

The service will be held on Tuesday, June 16, at 4:00 p.m. at Grace Episcopal Church in Ocala, Florida. Family and friends are invited to gather in remembrance of a life well lived and a man deeply loved.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in Russell's name to the David

Baillie Scholarship Fund, established in memory of Russell's father, David Baillie. The scholarship, established by the Ocala Lions Club, supports students pursuing degrees in agriculture, helping young people follow their educational dreams while honoring the values of hard work, stewardship of the land, and service to others that were important to both David and Russell. Through this lasting tribute, their legacy will continue to inspire future generations.

Gifts may be mailed to:

Public Education Foundation of Marion County
1239 NW 4th Street
Ocala, FL 34475

Or made online at pefmc.org. Please select & "Donate" and designate your gift

In Memory of Russell Baillie.

Previous Events

Service

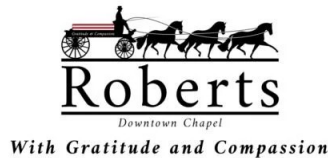
JUN 16. 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

Grace Episcopal Church
503 SE Broadway St
Ocala , FL 34471

Tribute Wall



“ *Roberts of Ocala Funerals and Cremations created a Webcast in memory of Russell Eugene Baillie*



Roberts of Ocala Funerals and Cremations - June 17 at 04:49 PM

RP

“ *Russell. I always remembered you as our "designated team punter" on the Sigma Chi intramural football team my freshman year....and driving with you and a car full of Sigma Chi's to the Clemson game that October. You were a kind friend.*

Robert B. Porter - June 19 at 01:36 PM

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“ *The Pyranha, Inc. Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Russell Eugene Baillie.*



The Pyranha, Inc. Family - June 15 at 03:01 PM

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“ *The Pyranha, Inc. Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Russell Eugene Baillie.*

The Pyranha, Inc. Family - June 15 at 03:01 PM

TK

“ Thank you Russell for your guidance and friendship during my freshman year at Ga Tech. You made a huge impact for which I am ever grateful. In Hoc, Tom Kenton

Tom Kenton - June 15 at 10:07 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Russell Eugene Baillie.



June 13 at 12:04 PM

GH

“ Russell lived life large with much joy. All who knew him have memories of good times with Russell. Rest in Peace and give my love to Johnny in heaven.

Gail Hankinson - June 09 at 09:42 PM