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

peacefully on Thursday, June 4, 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 pegmc.org. Please select "Donate" and designate your gift
In
Memory of Russell Baillie.

Upcoming Events

Service

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

Grace Episcopal Church
503 SE Broadway St
Ocala , FL 34471