



Young Joseph Simmons III

August 20, 1960 - May 19, 2024

Young Joseph Simmons III, 63, of Ocala, FL, died at home on May 19, 2024.

Joe

was born in Ocala to Sara and Joe Simmons on August 20, 1960, the youngest of

five children. He graduated from Forest High School in 1978 and then attended

CFCC, where he was a member of the tennis team. He went on to earn a Bachelor's

Degree in Political Science from the University of Florida. Joe was an avid athlete

who enjoyed tennis, handball, and both water and snow skiing. He loved bicycling

around town and on the mountain bike trails in the area. Joe was adventurous,

fearless, smart, witty, knowledgeable, and loved a good debate. He was also very

creative, making unique furniture from reclaimed wood and metal. Additionally, Joe

enjoyed landscaping and was a talented horticulturist, growing many fabulous orchids and other ornamental plants. Joe is survived by his son, Young

Joseph

Simmons IV, Ocala, sisters Shirley Simmons, Nashville, TN, and Julie

Simmons

Weiss, Ocala, as well as two nephews, Philip Weiss, Brooklyn, NY, and Daniel Weiss, Ocala. He was preceded in death by his parents, and his sisters, Susan and

Nancy. A celebration of life party was held on June 1 in Julie's home. The family will

hold a memorial at Hillcrest Cemetery for close friends at a date and time yet to be

determined. Memorial donations may be made to the Juvenile Diabetes Research

Foundation in Joe's honor and memory. The family wishes to extend our sincere

love and gratitude to Jim Falvey and Carl Williams, who steadfastly stood by Joe's

side and supported us all in the last few months.