



Earl Day

March 1, 1950 - February 27, 2021

On Saturday, February 27, 2021, Earl Day, beloved husband, father, and friend to all passed away at the age of 70.

Earl was born on March 1, 1950, in Washington, D.C. Earl and his siblings, Darlene, John, and Debbie were raised by his true parents, Frances and Jim Donaldson, and by his sisters Judy and Jeanette. He proudly enlisted in the army to serve his country in Vietnam. Earl completed his bachelor's degree at American University, and he had a long and distinguished career with the U.S. Marshals Service before retiring in 2003. Earl was a father to two daughters, Carrie and Shannon, and grandfather to Holly, Hazel, and Logan. On November 9, 2003, he married Anna Phelps, and they began a life together in Florida.

Earl was passionate about living life. He loved all things sports, but especially his Tampa Bay Bucs. Everyone who encountered him could expect to hear about the GOAT and get chatted up about anything and everything in the world of sports. Earl was a well-known sight jogging across the causeway and on the beach. He would frequently hear, "Didn't I see you on the causeway yesterday?" when he was out and about. Earl was known for his big smile and outgoing personality. He will be missed by everyone who knew him.

Earl loved his girls, Maggie and Josey. Instead of flowers, please feel free to make contribution to <https://www.southeastbeaglerescue.org/> in memory of Earl.

A service will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Friday, March 5, 2021, at Craig Funeral Home in St. Augustine.

Live streaming will be available 10 minutes before the service by following the link below:

<https://www.oneroomstreaming.com/view/authorise.php?k=1614711724103605>

Events

MAR **Celebration of Life** **02:00PM**

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Craig Funeral Home

1475 Old Dixie Highway, St. Augustine, FL, US, 32084

Comments



“ A webcast video has been added.



Craig Funeral Home Crematory Memorial Park - March 02 at 01:35 PM



“ I will always remember the enjoyable times Earl and I spent sharing our experiences as former U.S. Marshals. He will be missed by many who were lucky to have known him.

With my sincere sympathy to Anna and his family-

David Schachnovsky

David Schachnovsky - March 03 at 12:42 PM



“ Earl was an outstanding athlete and a very good friend. On one of the travel assignments I had with Earl, we went out for a jog, and I can remember he ran circles around me. He loved to joke around but his jokes were always in good taste. Earl and I were both Vietnam Veterans, and since we both served in combat, we always referred to each other as "Fox Hole buddies." Please rest in peace my dear friend and my old Foxhole buddy until we meet again. My sincere thank you for your service sir.

Dennis Jenkins - March 07 at 03:26 PM



“ Anna, Earl will surely be missed by all. When Jim pulls out the green egg we'll be saluting him. His smile, funny personality and attitude was Earl. I'm sure "his 3 girls" I know are missing him terribly. He loved you to the moon and back. If you need anything or just a hug, we're here.

Colleen & Jim Klimtzak - March 06 at 03:56 PM



“ Thank you so much, Colleen. You and Jim are great friends. Thank you for coming to the service.

Anna - March 13 at 02:55 PM



“ Lindy lit a candle in memory of Earl Day



Lindy - March 06 at 08:55 AM



“ Visiting Earl and Anna was always an anticipated escape for me. They fostered such a fun and loving environment under every circumstance. The memories I have from those times, be them mundane or extravagant, remain some of the most vivid in my life because of the nature of these beautiful souls. In particular, I will never forget when I kept hyping up Sonic and Earl got on board with my idea. Since he had never tried it before, I was excited for him. I remember him liking it and that made me feel good. A silly non-moment like that has stuck with me for 12 years. That’s my testament to his impact. So, thank you. Rest easy (and happily-you saw the Bucs win after all!) -Stone

Stone Williams - March 05 at 09:51 PM



“ Love you, Stone.

Anna - March 13 at 02:55 PM



“ Earl... you were a one of a kind. You were always smiling and I would always be so excited to see you, Anna, and Josie around Skypoint. You always were so kind. You will be missed.

-Chelsea



Chelsea Ollis - March 05 at 02:50 PM



“ Thank you, Chelsea, for all your kind words and for checking on me. It's good to have friends like you.

Anna - March 13 at 02:56 PM



“ Dearest Anna our heartfelt sympathy at the shocking loss of Earl. What a dear and special friend who always brightened each day and night. Wonderful memories of drinks around the pool, super-bowl parties, Tuesday night poker, Saturday's at the Eagles are just a few fun times we shared. Please know you are not alone as you mourn your loss and dearest Earl, Rest in Peace. Peter J & Ilona (Meadow Oaks)



Ilona O'Connor - March 05 at 02:35 PM



“ Thank you so much, Ilona. You and PJ have been great friends to us both.

Anna - March 13 at 02:57 PM



“ Was very saddened to hear of Earl's passing. Earl was one of the most energetic, friendly, funny and witty people I knew. I had the opportunity to spend a lot of time in Virginia with my dear friend Anna and Earl and a few visits down in Florida where they were so comfortably settled. Earl was always so welcoming and generous. I loved seeing the the genuine love between Earl and Anna. So much energy and caring between them. I am so very sorry, Anna. God Bless you and Earl's family and friends

Catherine Alto - March 05 at 09:38 AM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Earl Day.



March 05 at 08:49 AM



“ Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Earl Day.



March 05 at 07:10 AM



“ So deeply saddened to hear of the loss of Earl. Heartfelt prayers for Anna and his family. Earl was always such a delight to talk to, kind helpful- especially about home improvements, a dog lover, who showered affection not only on his beloved beagles, Josie and Maggie- but everyone’s dog as well.
Anna, hugs and love. Earl, Rest In Peace .
Deepest Sympathy, CynDi White-Haight



Cynthia White-Haight - March 04 at 08:46 PM



“ May God Bless Mr. Earl and his family! I always enjoyed our discussions regarding the Tampa Bay; Rays, Bucs & Lightning.. Earl was the first person i thought of when the Bucs won the super bowl.. Earl, your bright smile will be missed... God Speed!
Richard Jordan
Turtle shores

Richard Jordan - March 04 at 03:43 PM



“ Chris & Steve Rich purchased the Basket Full of Wishes for the family of Earl Day.



Chris & Steve Rich - March 04 at 03:23 PM



“ Our condolences to Anna and All of Earl's family. There are people in life that you meet and feel blessed to have known them. Earl was our neighbor and a better neighbor we never had. He was always there with a sincere hello, the local news, and such good humor whenever we arrived in Turtle Shores. Made sure we were invited to any gathering! His enthusiasm and generous spirit we will surely miss.

Sincerely,
Gary and Janet Gressler

Gary Gressler - March 04 at 01:04 PM



“ Our sincerest condolences for your loss. I was always greeted with a kind hello and smile From Earl and Anna , & a wag from Josie & Maggie when walking on the beach early mornings. He will be missed.

Sincerely your neighbor,
Gina & Jerry Bradley

gina bradley - March 04 at 09:40 AM



“ Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Earl Day.



March 04 at 08:39 AM



“ Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Earl Day.



March 03 at 08:16 PM



“ Your big sister judy purchased the Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses for the family of Earl Day.



Your big sister judy - March 03 at 07:04 PM



“ Carol Deaton Turner lit a candle in memory of Earl Day



Carol Deaton Turner - March 03 at 04:27 PM



“ Ana, I am so sorry for your loss. Earl always greeted his neighbors with a smile and in my case, "Finnegannnnnn..." I'm sure Maggie and Josie miss him terribly. We are here for you. I will see you Friday. God Bless you and your family.

Diane Scherff and Family

Diane H Scherff - March 03 at 01:59 PM



“ Dear handsome Earl,
I should have written a book and titled it "Sunday Morning Chats with Earl". I was a concierge at his residence in Tampa. Every Sunday morning Earl would stop by the desk to chat. We discussed sports, retired careers that we had, Anna, and the sweet fur babies. Our chats were always refreshing and happy. So Earl, lets keep the chats going and you will be missed in body. Now my book can be titled "Soulful Chats With Earl".
My dear Anna and to Earl's family, my deepest condolences for the loss of a beautiful man. Healing prayers are being sent your way. Diana Landess



Diana Landess - March 03 at 12:39 PM



“ Diana, I love this message and you for checking in on me and giving me your love and support. Thank you.

Anna - March 13 at 02:59 PM



“ We always enjoyed seeing Earl with the beagles! Our prayers are with you and your family at this time. It is such a shock and we will miss him. God speed.

MaryAnn & John Halton
(Millie)

mary ann haltom - March 03 at 12:29 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Earl Day.



March 03 at 12:18 PM



“ Earl you always had a big smile on your face and always made time to stop and chat. Truly you were the type of person that always made others smile.

We will so miss seeing you zipping around on your golf cart with Anna and the dogs next to you! The community was lucky to have had you in our lives.

Robin and Paul

Robin and Paul Staszsky - March 03 at 10:53 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Earl Day.



March 03 at 08:38 AM



“ Earl Day,
Very youthful
We all would say,
We wish you were with us today!
A dapper man ,
With a big bright smile,
You welcomed Blake and I
With style.

The first neighbor at our door. A pleasant surprise, There were many more!@

Earl exercised every day . We admired that and aspire to to do the same , someday.

Earl was social and
Threw nice parties .
We always left them feeling Happy and Hearty.
He preferred beer and we liked Bacardi.

Obvious was Earls deep love for Anna , his bride.
He always beamed with a twinkle in his eye, with her by his side .

A Veteran , a Marshall , a
Recipient of the Bronze Star Medal;
An athlete , a loving husband , and last , but not least ,
A humble man;
Anna did not settle.

Earl ,
God took you dear friend, to soon, like a thief In the night. However , in our hearts
your spirit will continue to burn bright.

We miss you and bid you Adieu!

Pià and Blake

Pia Ristaino - March 03 at 08:22 AM



“ Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Earl Day.



March 02 at 10:39 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Earl Day.



March 02 at 09:35 PM



“ Before you moved here we met you, Anna, and Earl and Josey when we were on Turtle Patrol. Of course we became fast friends. We are so deeply sorry for your loss and the loss for us all of such a wonderful man. He will be truly missed.

suzanne Schuster - March 02 at 09:09 PM



“ So ,so sorry to hear of Earls passing. Condolences to his family.

Joan Butler - March 03 at 10:23 AM



“ So sorry to lose our Turtle Shores beach friend Earl. Always a smile and one of the most faithful beachdog walkers ever. So kind to me and my bird chasing Bindi. Earl will be missed by many and clearly is gone too soon. He and his family are in my thoughts and prayers -
Peg Johnson

Peg - March 03 at 12:09 PM



“ The morning dog walking routine took on a new joy when Earl, Anna, Josie (and soon after, Maggie) moved into the neighborhood. Earl instantly became the mayor of Turtle Hill Circle. What a treat to begin each day with an enthusiastic greeting and a warm smile from Earl. Always friendly and engaging, Earl asked questions and listened. It was evident he cared. Having sat at the same sports bar as Anna and Earl, cheering for a rival team for a few years, when it was announced TB would be joining TB, our thoughts were immediately of Earl. Our appreciation of the Bucs flag on the golf cart and the banner hanging from the porch pre-game had new meaning. It was wonderful to share this football season with Earl.....especially the outcome! People who have touched our hearts never leave us. Your presence will remain with us at the beach, in the 'hood and during game time in the fall. Thank you Earl! With our love, Sally and Dan

Sally McCue - March 02 at 09:06 PM



“ What sad and unexpected news to learn of Earl’s passing. Earl, Anna and the “girls” (beagle kids) had become a big part of my morning routine. My day would not be complete without the loud and boisterous “Woodstocker!!!” greeting Woodstock (my dog) and I would receive from Earl each and every morning as their crew raced by me on their “Buc mobile” heading for our daily doggie beach walk. Earl, the “silver fox” with the big personality will surely be missed. My love and thoughts go out to his beautiful wife Anna...I hope that soon you will be able to find some comfort in the many beautiful memories you have shared with your husband. Please know that you are well loved and supported by many.

(On a side note, I lived in Tampa for several years and thought I knew the biggest Bucs fans on the planet...ha...it wasn’t until I met Earl that I realized they couldn’t hold a candle to him!)

Much Love and may Earl Rest In Peace,
Carol, Dana and “Woodstocker” Ste.
Claire

Carol Ste.Claire - March 02 at 08:56 PM



“ Earl was a true neighbor, always there to help out and do what was needed for those around him. Hooah, soldier, we will miss you!
Blake and Pia

Blake Paterson - March 02 at 06:59 PM



“ We feel truly blessed to have known Earl. His smile brightened the neighborhood. We will miss talking sports with him and especially the good natured Bucs/Yankees rivalry we shared. Our deepest sympathies and love are with Anna.
With Love,
John and Julie

Julie Grayauskie - March 02 at 06:28 PM



“ With Distinction was purchased for the family of Earl Day.



March 02 at 06:03 PM



“ we are so happy that we had the last few years to become good friends with Earl
We will forever miss his bright smile, hearty laugh, his humbleness, Bucs/GOAT talks
and all the fun special times we all had together! Earl will always be in our hearts.
With all our love,
Rest in Peace good friend,
Cindy, Mike and Keri

Cindy, Mike and Keri - March 02 at 05:59 PM



“ Magnificent Life Spray was purchased for the family of Earl Day.



March 02 at 05:52 PM