



Mr. Harold Labatt Jr.

September 29, 1937 - February 20, 2025

Hal LaBatt was born September 29, 1937, in Queens, NY to Harold G. LaBatt, Sr. and Florence LaBatt. Hal was raised in Saratoga Springs, NY, whereas a young man he worked at the famous Saratoga Race Track. It was here he developed his lifelong love of horse racing. He spent the week before his passing at the Gulfstream Horse track in Miami with his two best friends doing what he loved the most.

Hal spent two years at Clarkson College (NY) and two years at the University of Toledo, where he received his degree in Civil Engineering. He then spent one year in graduate studies at Yale University receiving a degree in Traffic Engineering.

Hal began his professional career in the traffic industry working for LFE/Automatic Signal. It was here he met the love of his life, Joanne, whom he asked to marry three weeks after he met her. They were married Oct. 5, 1963, and had their son, Jim, in September 1964.

Hal became the Southeast Regional salesman for LFE/Automatic which led to him being relocated to Atlanta, GA in 1967. In the early 1970's, Hal and his brother-in-law, Mike Adams, started Transyt Corporation, designing and building traffic controllers and cabinets for the signalized intersection industry.

In 1973, Hal and his family relocated home and business to Tallahassee, FL which is where he lived the rest of his life. Transyt Corporation became a national powerhouse, eventually growing to over 150 employees in the Tallahassee area. He loved his employees and they too loved working for him. His generosity and kindness were unmatched by an employer.

Hal had many interests during his lifetime. An avid golfer, private pilot, boat owner and fisherman, world-wide traveler, and loving husband and father. He also loved his grandchildren and cherished spending time with them.

Hal was preceded in death by his father and mother. He is survived by his wife of 61 years, Joanne, his son, Jim, wife Mary, two grandchildren Steve (Toni) and Christine (Nick) and his great-granddaughter Dylan.

Hal was a great man. His giving and jovial personality were loved by all who

met and knew him.

He will be deeply missed and remembered by all whose lives he touched.

Abbey Funeral Home is handling all of the family arrangements. There will be no service at this time.

Tribute Wall

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“ I will always remember Hal as one of the finest individuals I ever encountered. He was a straight shooter (and golfer) and was always there to lend a hand when I needed help. His infectious laugh would always lift my spirits. He put on many great distributor meetings in Panama City. He made working with Transyt like working with a close knit family. I will think of him and miss him every single day. My deepest sympathies to Joanne and Jim and the grandchildren. God bless you all. Marty Pinkley

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