



Mr. William Edward Tiley II

August 14, 1951 - May 15, 2021

William Edward Tiley, II "Ed", age 69, died May 15, 2021, at Tallahassee Memorial Hospital surrounded by love. He was born in Washington, D.C. on August 14, 1951, to Bill and Melva Tiley, who precede him in death. Ed was the oldest of three children, which include his brother Raymond "Ray" (deceased) and his sister Teresa "Terri".

Ed served in the U.S. Army, and was stationed in Ethiopia for the majority of service before finishing his military career at Fort Detrick in Frederick Maryland. This is where he met his future wife and mother of his four children, Marylou. Ed and his family moved to Tallahassee in the mid 80's. Family vacations and frequent work trips to St. George Island seeded a deep love for Franklin County and the Forgotten Coast. Once his children were older and out of the house Ed relocated to Apalachicola. You could find him many nights with his beloved Lucky Dogg on the porch of the Gibson.

Creativity would define his professional career, personal interests and hobbies. Ed was an inherent entrepreneur. He had an expansive resume including computer software design and diagnostics, web design, writing, publishing, photography and performing arts. He was also a published author of over 20 books, countless news articles, websites and blogs. Ever the thespian, Ed enjoyed theater and film. He was involved with the Florida State University Film School, the Mickee Faust Club of performing arts in

Tallahassee and the Panhandle Players Community Theater group in Apalachicola. Photography was perhaps his greatest passion. At the time of his death Ed was working on a massive showcase with a collection of photos spanning 50 years of his life.

He was also holding virtual classes once or twice a week for his grandchildren, ages 9 and 11, who were homeschooled during the COVID pandemic. Most of Grandpa's Literature and English lessons were entwined with anecdotes from his youth. When his grandchildren were asked to recall their favorite of these stories their responses were: the time Grandpa's mother stormed into school to confront a teacher who was forcing him to write with his right hand instead of his left; and when Grandpa and a friend switched out all of the regular light bulbs in the barrack bathroom for flash bulbs used in cameras, then hid in one of the stalls waiting for someone to come in. Memories that they will cherish forever.

Ed is survived by his four children, Wil Tiley, Cory Tiley, Amara Boldridge (John III) and Laurel Tiley; his two grandchildren, Brooke Boldridge and John Boldridge IV; and his two canine fur babies, Chili Dogg and Sadie.

A celebration of life will be held on his 70th birthday, Saturday August 14th at a time and place to be determined. Memories and condolences to Mr. Tiley's family may be left at www.abbeyfh.com.

Tribute Wall

AA

“ Andrew & Sara Smith / in focUS apparel purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Mr. William Edward Tiley II.



Andrew & Sara Smith / in focUS apparel - August 12, 2021 at 04:16 PM

AS

“ Great guy, fun conversations, taught me lots that I still don't know / understand about websites, and he will missed here on this planet!!!

Andrew C. Smith - August 12, 2021 at 04:08 PM



“ The life of Ed Tiley, who died on May 15, will be celebrated at the Raney Carriage House in Apalachicola on Saturday, August 14, 2021. That day would have been Ed's 70th birthday.
https://www.facebook.com/events/324137436072821?active_tab=about

Charlie Sawyer - July 16, 2021 at 12:02 PM

PV

“ There was nothing ever dull about Ed. Whether on stage or off, he was a character, drawing attention like a spotlight. His presence is missed.

Pam Vest - June 17, 2021 at 04:50 PM

RD

“ So sorry for your loss. Thoughts and prayers to the family.

Rodney Dove - June 16, 2021 at 07:47 PM

CS

“ 7 files added to the album Memories Album



Charlie Sawyer - June 15, 2021 at 09:40 AM

CS

“ Ed Tiley had a large impact on my life. In the late 90s-early 00s, when I was living in Tallahassee and playing music at bars in Apalachicola, Ed introduced himself as a photographer for an online nightlife column called "Night Owl." Over the years, during my many visits to Apalachicola, we became good friends. He introduced me to many people in Apalachicola, and many of these folks are still my friends (and now neighbors). He shared his home for the night on many occasions. He and I shared professional interests as well. For a time I worked for Ed, selling ads and taking photographs for the *Forgotten Coastline* publication, which he managed for a time. I always wanted to live in Apalachicola full-time, and when I finally moved here from Tallahassee in 2015, I was disappointed that at about that time Ed moved back to Tallahassee. I am sorry that we couldn't spend more time together after that. Ed was a larger-than-life character, smart, creative, and talented. His strong personality meant that he could be difficult at times, but his friendship was never in doubt. I felt like if I needed serious help, I could count on Ed. My condolences to Cory and Laurel (whom I met several times during the years Ed and I were close) and the rest of the Tiley family. Know that Ed followed his dreams, had a big impact on the world, and will be missed by many.



Charlie Sawyer - June 15, 2021 at 09:37 AM

CC

Thanks Charlie for the kind words and photos. I am glad to have met you.

Connie Crowley

Connie Crowley - July 27, 2021 at 06:22 PM

DM

“ My condolences to your entire family including the fur babies.

My memories of Ed are many... he was one of the first people I met in Apalach. He introduced me to the unique cemetery there, and I remember him officiating a wedding ceremony on Halloween. He was also the one to encourage me to join him in acting, and I loved Mickee Faust with him. When I had knee surgery, he prepared meals for me- turning me on to Buffalo chicken salad which I still love and make often. He checked on me every day until I went back to work.

His kindness and conversation is missed. Your father was a good friend.

Donna

Donna McCoy - June 10, 2021 at 08:13 PM

MK

thank you for sharing this wonderful story of Ed's life and times. I didn't know him well, but it was my honor to know him at all. Heartfelt sympathy to his children and grandchildren who have lost a dear and special man but his stories and books and heritage will live on for them forever. Mel Kelly

Mel Kelly - June 16, 2021 at 08:09 PM