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Henry James ‘Bud’ Hughes, 81, was called home to Jesus and his wife of 52 years, Patricia Ann Hughes, on May 23, 2019.

Born on October 19th, 1937, in Deland, Florida, to James Norman Hughes and Alice Thomas Hughes; Bud grew up in St. Augustine, graduated from Ketterlinus High ('55), Young Harris College ('57), Florida State University ('59) and married Pat in 1961. Bud recently retired from his crossing guard post at RB Hunt Elementary, likely his most rewarding job. Bud’s resume included banking and finance, entrepreneurship, law enforcement and real estate development.

Best known for his unconditional love, forgiving heart, and generous soul, this soft-spoken gentleman was also a battler; surviving multiple cancers and major life challenges. He embodied “Fall down 9 times, get up 10!”

Bud’s greatest joy came from encouraging others through faith and friendship. An avid reader, fisherman, hunter and datil pepper gardener, Bud shared his favorite books, catch and pick with friends and neighbors; always sporting his FSU regalia and a proud grin.

His respect for freedom, justice and democracy started as a page for the US House of Representatives, then as a member of the National Guard and later as a Master Mason of the Scottish Rite, supporting many children and human rights charities. And as a member of Crescent Beach Baptist Church, Bud founded a Christian ministry, delivering Daily Bread devotional booklets to hundreds. To join the devotional mailing list, email: budlightlegacy@gmail.com.

Bud is survived by his daughters, Justina Burt (Dave Burt); Nancy Lewis (Brandt Lewis); grandchildren, Justin, Madison, and Delanie Burt; sister, Sally Starnes; cousins, nieces and nephews.

Bud would like you to remember him as a Light for peace and love. He was grateful for his journey and all of the wonderful people he met along the way.



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Please join us in celebrating Bud on Saturday, June 29th at noon at Crescent Beach Baptist Church at 885 FL-206. To make a donation, consider Shriners Children's Hospital or the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch.



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Henry James Hughes posted:

He was an absolute f*ckwit

January 21 at 7:58 AM



Alissa Martin posted:

When I was a little girl, my parents and I would come to visit my brother, Dave, and my sister-in-law, Justina, and my nieces and nephew, nearly every summer. Bud and Pat would always stop in to see us while we were in town. I remember when I was about 7 years old, Bud and Pat came over for dinner. Bud was cutting up a bunch of strawberries in the kitchen and we were all visiting. He paid special attention to me, made me laugh, involved me in the conversation, and made absolutely sure I had plenty of strawberries to eat...I'm positive he let me have most of them. He was so warm and had such a gentle, loving way about him. Every interaction I've had with him through the years was special and he made everyone feel that way. I remember this memory so vividly and I am now 31 years old with children of my own...I hope to make my family half as proud as I know his family is of him. Rest In Peace Bud...Your legacy lives on! Love, Alissa, Nick, Lucas, & Lennox

June 19 at 4:56 PM



Terri Teal posted:

What a beautiful obituary. I am honored to have met him and work with him as a crossing guard. Terri Teal

June 1 at 4:59 AM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Henry by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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