



Errol Thomas Stafford

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Errol Thomas Stafford, a man of deep faith, generous spirit, and irrepressible joy, passed into the loving arms of Jesus peacefully in his home surrounded by family on March 27. Born to Chester and Juanita Stafford of Tallahassee, Florida, he grew up in Waverly Hills with his brother Doyle and graduated from Leon High School in 1960, not without a brief suspension for doing donuts in the school bowl; an early sign that his love of fast cars was not easily contained, a passion that outlasted more than one driver's license.

Faith and music were pillars in Errol's life. A devoted member of First Pentecostal and later Christian Heritage Church, he began leading his choir at 22 and served as a song and worship leader for over 50 years. His powerful high tenor voice graced church cantatas, weddings, funerals, and the national anthem at FSU sporting events. His last formal performance, singing with his two sons as "The Stafford Trio" at Killearn Methodist Church, was a gift to all present. His service to Christ through music spanned nearly 70 years.

He was faithfully married to the love of his life, Pat Stafford, for over 57 years, and poured himself into his role as husband, father and Pops. This included beach trips to Ormond Beach, where he perfected the art of drip sandcastle construction, along with games, recitals, McDonald's breakfasts, and every moment in between. He loved his eight grandchildren wholeheartedly and made a point to show up for each of them.

Errol took over Stafford's Jewelry in 1967 after his father's passing and operated for 20 years, then built a successful real estate career in Tallahassee. He was a passionate FSU Seminole Booster from 1964 onward, known to engage opposing fans in spirited and friendly banter, with Sundays conveniently available for repentance. From 1982 to 2016, he coached hundreds of young men in baseball, from Little League, Junior Major, Babe Ruth and High School JV at NFC. His players went on to become business professionals of all sorts, athletes, and coaches with many crediting Coach Stafford's lessons as foundational to who they became.



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In his final years, Errol faced Alzheimer's disease with grace, continuing to love his family and his Lord to the end. He spent those years at home in the devoted care of Pat and brought joy to fellow members of the Tallahassee Alzheimer's Project's Social Club through his piano playing and singing, offering music, as he always had, as an act of love.

Errol is survived by his wife, Pat Stafford; his brother, Doyle Stafford (Susie Daniels); his sons, Sean Stafford (Susan Duggar) and Parke Stafford (Mary Pomeroy); his daughter, Tara Goldman (Peter); and his eight grandchildren: Aislyn, Mary, Christian, Parke Lee, Mason, Sarah Ann, Ethan, and Ayla.

The family will receive visitors on April 7 at 3:00 pm at Killearn Methodist Church, with the Celebration of Life service to follow at 4:00.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to The Alzheimer's Project of Tallahassee or Big Bend Hospice.

"Well done, good and faithful servant." Matthew 25:23




Events


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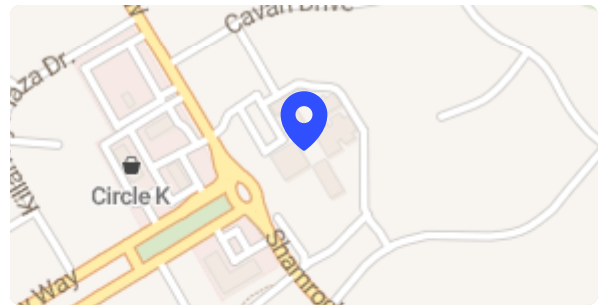
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Visitation


 **Tuesday**, April 7, 2026


 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM ET


 **Killearn Methodist Church**
2800 Shamrock Street South, Tallahassee FL
32309

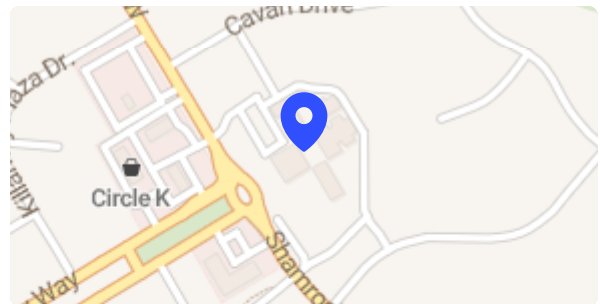


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C

Clegg Snipes lit a candle in honor of Errol.

Coach Stafford coached my brother (Cameron Snipes) & I in Junior Major for the Firefighters in Tallahassee. He was an amazing coach, man & was very positive in every thing he did and said. Thank you Coach for creating an impact on me and all who you came in contact each and every day. I will see you in Heaven one day. - Clegg Snipes

April 7 at 9:21 PM



Mavis Stevens posted:

So many wonderful memories shared with Errol not just as family, but as highschool friends. He truly loved fast cars and boats and I was privileged to be along for many of those exhilarating rides with Amos as his chief enthusiast!!! Our family owes a huge debt of gratitude to this amazing man for his generosity and unwavering love of family. My prayers are with Pat and the children as they journey forward 🙏 Love Always Mavis Stevens and famil

April 7 at 10:05 AM

B

Beverly Ferrell lit a candle in honor of Errol.

I grew up in Tallahassee and remember Stafford Jewelry store. My engagement and wedding rings came from there. He really had a lifted talent for music. God's Peace and Prayers to Pat, family and friends Beverly Ferrell

March 31 at 7:33 AM



S

Sarah Ann Stafford posted:

Building drip sandcastles with shells while eating watermelon on St. George island

March 30 at 11:15 PM



Sharry Handley posted:

I looked forward to hearing Errol and Doyle sing "Arrise my Love" during Easter service at CHC. It was always so beautiful and moving. He was such a gifted and anointed man of God. He will certainly be missed by many. My sincere condolences to the family. I just bet that Pastor Shelley was waiting at the Pearly Gates to welcome Errol home. ❤️

March 30 at 9:40 PM



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March 30 at 9:34 PM



Laura Rudd posted:

My memories with Errol started back in 1976....I loved cars and water skiing like him!! He was very funny ,highly competitive, alot of fun to be with. His voice and love of God family and friends will Always have a place in my heart. We joked about football 🏈 unless FSU was not doing good 👍 He always called the house when FSU beat Miami. Your with the Jesus now brother. Laura and I will miss you and look forward to see you again. God bless all the Stafford family 🙏 Glenn Rudd

March 30 at 8:23 PM



Memories only last if you share them

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



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