

**William "Bill" Gatlin Perry**

January 1, 1947 - May 25, 2015

**William G. Perry**

William Gatlin Perry "Bill", 68, passed away on Monday, May 25, 2015 at UF Health Shands Hospital of Gainesville. A true native, Bill was born in Palatka on New Year's Day, 1947. Bill was an all-star, multi-sport athlete that graduated with the class of 1965. After high school, Bill was drafted by the Cleveland Indians and began playing in the minor-leagues. A year after graduating, Bill married Lynn Fullerton in Reno, Nevada. After a few seasons of baseball, Bill returned to Florida and earned a degree in Pharmaceutical Medicine from the University of Florida. Bill worked as a Pharmacist in Palatka for over 25 years. As a member of the First-Presbyterian Church of Palatka for over 50 years, Bill served as an Elder and Deacon, working with children's and men's fellowships. Bill loved traveling and vacationing with his family, especially to the Blue Ridge Mountains. Affectionately known as "B," Bill was a dedicated husband, father, and grandfather who attended every program or event, shuttled grandchildren to school, or just took them out for an ice-cream. As a graduate of the University of Florida, Bill passionately followed all Gator sports, his favorite being Gator football.

Bill is preceded in death by his mother, Polly Perry and father, Tom Perry. Bill is survived by his best friend and wife of 48 years, Lynn Fullerton Perry of Palatka; sons and daughters-in-law, Jeff and Angi Perry of Gainesville and Jay and Mandy Perry of Palatka; his daughters and sons-in-law, Jill Sheffield of Palatka, Tray Sheffield of Crystal River, and Katy and Matt Bergen of Palatka; his brother and sister-in-law, Kenny and Caroline Perry of Palatka; his grandchildren, Haleigh and Marty Westbrook of St. Augustine, Matt Stillwell of Jacksonville, Ray Perry of Gainesville, Troy Sheffield, Sydney Sheffield, Hayden Bergen, Josie Bergen, and Lucas Bergen all of Palatka; and his great-grandchildren Eric Westbrook, Chase Westbrook, and Eli Westbrook, all of St. Augustine. Calling hours will be at the Masters Funeral Home in Palatka on Friday, May 29, 2015 from 6-8:00 p.m. The funeral service will be held at First Presbyterian Church of Palatka on Saturday, May 30, 2015 at 10:00 a.m. with Rev. George Head officiating. Burial will follow in Palatka Memorial Gardens.

Flowers are gratefully accepted or memorial gifts may be sent to the First Presbyterian Church, 123 south 2nd street, Palatka, FL 32177

Messages of sympathy and encouragement may be expressed in his online guestbook at [www.themastersfuneralhomes.com](http://www.themastersfuneralhomes.com).

Masters Funeral Home of Palatka is in charge of arrangements.

Obituary Provided By:  
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