



In Memory of
Dale Thomas Beerbower

June 15, 1938 - October 26, 2016

Dale Thomas Beerbower, a well-respected leader in the Jacksonville community, passed away on Wednesday, October 26, 2016 at his home.

He is survived by his wife of 50 years, Peggy McMichael Beerbower; son Kenneth Beerbower, of Austin, Texas (child Kinna Beerbower); daughter Pamela Beerbower Clubb, of Jacksonville, Florida (husband John and their children, Bethany and Madison); several nieces and nephews.

Dale was born June 15, 1938 in Grosse Pointe, Michigan, the only child of Margaret Ruhl Beerbower and Lynne Forrest Beerbower. He came to Jacksonville as a young child, and attended local schools, graduating from Andrew Jackson High School. As a child, he demonstrated an interest in baseball and he played for hours in the baseball park behind his house. Dale pitched the first baseball game for Jacksonville University. Eventually, Dale signed a contract with the New York Giants Baseball Club, and played professional baseball for two seasons. In the off season, he played soccer for JU. Unfortunately, while playing soccer for the state championship, he received a knee injury, ending his pitching career.

Dale earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration from

Jacksonville University, and he received a Master's of Science degree in Criminal Justice from Florida State University. His professional experience included the following: Police Officer of Jacksonville, Manpower Development Specialist for the Department of Justice in Atlanta, GA, Criminal Justice Program Specialist in Washington D.C., Inspector General for the Selective Service System in Washington D.C., Director of Department of Public Safety for Jacksonville, FL, and Assistant Management Specialist for the Fire and Rescue Department for Jacksonville, FL. Throughout the years, he wrote, published, and presented articles and papers on Criminal Justice topics. He also received numerous awards, honors, and fellowships, ranging from a certificate of appreciation from President Jimmy Carter to a certificate of appreciation from the Chairman of the Jacksonville Chamber of Commerce. One of his proudest achievements included his induction into the Hall of Fame for Criminal Justice at Florida State University. He also served on advising boards or councils for Jacksonville University, University of North Florida, Kiwanis Club, Department of Corrections, and Convention and Visitors Bureau.

In retirement, he stayed busy as a consultant for several security companies in Jacksonville, FL. When he made time, he played an above average golf game with family or friends. Dale also loved spending time boating and fishing with his son-in-law and grandchildren at the river. Some of his favorite memories included his trips over to FSU to see a football game with friends; he also carried fond memories of his travels to Ireland, Scotland, Germany, and Austria with his daughter. Monthly, he made a trip to Corky Bells in the boat to order his favorite chicken wings. He enjoyed reading books from the *New York Times* list, especially non-fiction books on history and politics. Every week, he made time for his friends, meeting for breakfast or lunch to chat about a current book or topic.

Dale was member of Fruit Cove Baptist Church. He accepted Christ as Savior as a young man, and he attended First Baptist Church in downtown Jacksonville for many years.

A Visitation will be held on November 1, 2016 from 5 pm to 7 pm in Hardage-Giddens Funeral Home of Mandarin where Funeral Service will be held on November 2, 2016 at 1 pm. Interment will immediately follow the service at Oaklawn Cemetery, 4801 San Jose Blvd. Jacksonville 32207. Flowers are welcome or memorials may be made to Community Hospice of Northeast Florida, 4266 Sunbeam Rd. Jacksonville, FL 32257.

Arrangements are under the care and direction of Hardage-Giddens Funeral Home of Mandarin, 11801 San Jose Blvd. Jacksonville, FL 32223. www.hgmandarin.com (904) 288-0025.

Visitation

Tuesday, November 1, 2016 | 05:00 PM - 07:00 PM

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Driving Directions

Funeral Service

Wednesday, November 2, 2016 | 01:00 PM - 02:00 PM

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