

ALAN G. PANKRATZ

Alan Gowing Pankratz, 79, Melrose, FL passed away on Friday, June 11, 2010. He was a lover-of-life, cherished husband, father, grandfather, friend, mentor and fervent Gator fan. Alan moved to Florida in the 40s, graduated from Fletcher High School in Jacksonville Beach, FL. and then served in the U.S. Navy for several years. He received a BS/BA degree in Industrial Relations and Management from the University of Florida in 1956. Alan later relocated to Louisiana where he started a family and was a pioneer in the Kentucky Fried Chicken business, owning and operating several successful restaurants in the New Orleans area. In the 90s, Alan settled in North Florida and enjoyed an active life. He taught classes at Santa Fe Community College and also worked in the bookstore there. He was active in the community where he participated and served as President of the Fightin' Gator Touchdown Club; President of the Kiwanis Club, Mentor for the Take Stock in Children program and Senior Warden of Trinity Episcopal Church of Melrose.

He is survived by his wife: Margaret (Penny) C. Davis, Melrose, FL; children: Gail Pankratz Lindsey of Ruston, LA, John Alan Pankratz of Destin, FL, Jane Pankratz Allen of Thomasville, GA, Ann Pankratz Crochet of New Orleans, LA, Carol Pankratz Butler of Covington, LA, Gordon (Skip) Davis of Vicenza, Italy, Dixie Margaret Davis of Tallahassee, FL and Susie Cornell Davis of Atlanta, GA; fifteen loving grandchildren; and a number of other loving relatives and friends.

A memorial service and celebration of Alan's life will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, June 18, 2010 at Trinity Episcopal Church of Melrose, 204 Highway 26. In lieu of flowers the family requests donations be made to Haven Hospice (www.havenhospice.org), 4200 NW 90th Blvd., Gainesville, FL 32606; the Cancer Research Institute (www.cancerresearch.org), 1-800-99-CANCER; or, to support the Take Stock in Children Program (www.takestockinchildren.com). MORNING FUNERAL HOME IN CHARGE OF ARRANGEMENTS.

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