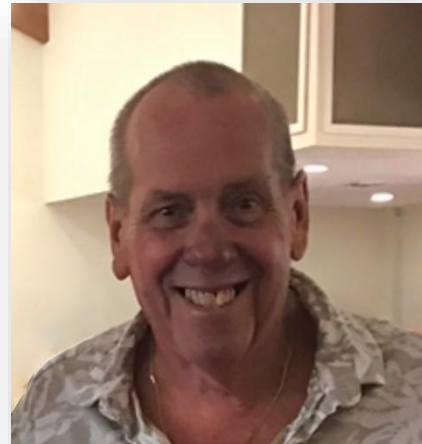


It is with great sadness that the family of William “Bill” Fred Atwell Jr. of Homosassa, Florida, announces his passing on December 21, 2024, at the age of 79.

He was born on March 21, 1945, in Red Bank, New Jersey. In his early life, he earned an Associate Degree in Applied Science from Paul Smith’s College of Arts and Sciences in New York and a Bachelor’s Degree in Science from Stephen F. Austin State University in Texas. He joined the Air Force in 1969 and was honorably discharged the following year. He later became President of A&T Travel, a travel agency he ran with his business partner, Gilbert Titus. Later in his life, he was employed at Citrus County Mosquito Control.



He was preceded in death by his wife, Phylis Atwell (née Cook), and his parents, William Fred Atwell Sr. and Helen Atwell.

Bill is survived by his wife, Jeanette Samler Atwell (née Leake); his daughters, Sabrina Atwell and Elizabeth “Beth” Kelly (Mike Kelly); his stepson, Austin Samler (Carmella Samler); his grandchildren, Jacob Litle, Katherine “Katie” Kelly (Robert Hughes), Lauren Kelly, Grace Litle (Cole Ballard), Evan Samler, and Kiah Kelly; and his great-grandson Hudson Litle.

Private cremation will take place under the direction of Brown Funeral Home and Crematory in Lecanto, FL. Services will be held at 10 A.M. on March 5, 2025 at the Florida National Cemetery in Bushnell, FL.