



## Mr. Nathan Stephenson Curtis II

April 13, 1936 - June 9, 2021

Nathan Stephenson “Nate” Curtis, II age 85, of Madison, Florida, died June 9th, 2021.

Nate was born April 13, 1936, in Monticello, Florida, the son of Arthur Wilson Curtis and Martha Scruggs Curtis Laffite.

He graduated from Jefferson County High School in 1954 and after a summer at home without a job, his mother enlisted him into the U.S. Army where he served 20 months in the Medical Corps during the occupation of Germany. While enlisted, he was able to travel extensively through Europe.

Nate held multiple degrees and certificates throughout his life including a Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) degree in History and a minor in Education from St. Bernard College, Cullman, Alabama, in 1961. He attended The University of the South’s School of Theology, Sewanee, Tennessee and he also received a Master of Social Work (MSW) from Valdosta State College. And if that wasn’t enough, he completed the Master Gardener course from the University of Florida.

Nate loved hats and wore many during his life; as a construction worker, racing commission inspector, hospital orderly, service station attendant and manager at his father’s gas station, truck driver, nursery laborer, and photo-

darkroom assistant. He was hired as a sixth-grade teacher in La Belle, Florida for his first “real” job. Trying to move closer home, he moved to MacClenny, Florida, as a seventh-grade social studies teacher. From 1964-67, he worked for Florida Department of Public Welfare as a social worker. He was employed with Florida Probation and Parole, and for 30 years he worked for Health & Rehabilitative Services (HRS) where he retired as a District Supervisor (Madison, Jefferson, and Taylor counties). He didn’t stay retired for long, and took a position as a hospice case worker, and an Administrator to the Lake Park Nursing Home in Madison, and a counselor for Apalachee Mental Health.

Religion, family, and service to the community played a very important part in his life and personal development. He cherished his family. This started on July 4th, 1964, when Nate married the love of his life, Betty “BJ” Curtis. They had an unbreakable bond which lasted for 56+ years. After moving to Madison FL, Nate and BJ became members of St. Mary’s Episcopal Church. It was there that he served in several roles including many terms as Senior Warden, and Lay Reader. Nate also guided/assisted his son, Nathan to enlarge the St. Mary’s Episcopal Church Fellowship Hall to complete Nathan’s Eagle Scout project. And in the Madison County community he served as a member and past president of the Madison County Kiwanis Club.

Nate had an artistic and nurturing side which reflected in his many hobbies. He had an amazing green thumb when it came to gardening (especially roses), and many a Saturday he sold the plants near the Court House steps off the tailgate of the family station wagon with his then, little ones. He enjoyed oil painting, woodworking, creating stained glass, photography, and traveling.

Nate is survived by his wife Betty June Roberts Curtis; his brother, Arthur Curtis, his children including daughter, Morgan “Martye” Curtis; son, Nathan S. Curtis, III (Shannon); Frank “Rusty” Lamb, Leslie Lamb Mauck (Jim), and

George Lamb (Bonnie) and the proud grandfather (“Grand Nate”) to Savannah, Sydney, and Sadie Curtis and Christian Mauck; and his brother-in-law George “Buddy” Roberts (Alyson).

A Celebration of Life Service will be held at St. Mary’s Episcopal Church’s Memorial Garden at 10:00 am on June 26, 2021. Internment services will follow immediately afterward at Roseland Cemetery, Monticello, Florida.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent to St. Mary’s Episcopal Church, P.O. Box 611, Madison, Florida. All arrangements are under the direction of Beggs Funeral Home of Madison.

You may leave condolences at [www.beggsfuneral.com](http://www.beggsfuneral.com)

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life Service

JUN **26**. 10:00 AM.

St. Mary'S Episcopal Church'S Memorial Garden

# Tribute Wall

JW

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with B.J. and family. Nate was an encyclopedia in the world of plants. He taught me much about plants and flowers. He also had a strong desire to serve mankind not only in his profession but as Mr. Transportation. He routinely drove citizens of our area to doctor visits, pharmacy pickups, food pickups or whatever the transportation need may be. Nate, a man who gave time to serve others. Jo A. Willis*

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**Jo A. Willis** - June 15, 2021 at 01:25 PM

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“ *BJ,  
I'm so sorry for your loss. My prayers and condolences to you and your family.  
Sharon James Postell*

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**Sharon James Postell** - June 13, 2021 at 05:20 PM

LW

“ *What wonderful memories I have of Nate sharing plants with me, his beautiful stained glass windows and our fun cruises. May your joyful memories help to ease your loss.  
Lynne Winterton*

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**Lynne Winterton** - June 13, 2021 at 04:11 PM

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“ *Dear B.J. and family, I'm so sorry that you have lost Nate. Please accept my sincerest condolences.*

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**Trish Hinton** - June 13, 2021 at 03:24 PM