



## Vasco Clayton Koon

April 10, 1939 - March 13, 2015

Vasco Clayton Koon, age 75, of Mayo, Florida, passed away March 13, 2015, at Suwannee Valley Haven Hospice in Lake City, Florida.Â Vasco was born April 10, 1939, in Mayo to Henry Clay Koon and Florence Louise Zipperer Koon.

Vasco returned to his beloved hometown of Mayo following a career in the insurance business which took him to Macon, Georgia, and later Jacksonville, Florida.Â He had a passion for hunting, fishing, and football.Â Vasco found great pleasure in the fellowship with family and friends over a fish fry.Â He was a staunch supporter of Gator football.Â He enjoyed all things associated with the University of Floridaâ€"he loved the orange and blue.Â Vasco was a huge fan of Lafayette County High School sports where he played football and basketball in his formative years.Â He enjoyed following the mighty Hornets.Â

Vasco is survived by his son Richard Koon and his wife Sharon who reside in Tallahassee, Florida; and daughters Rita Walker and husband Barry Walker of Dublin, Georgia, and Melinda Chesser and husband Tracy Chesser of St. Johns, Florida; 7 grandchildren, and 1 great grandchild. Vasco is survived by his brothers; Curtis Koon of Mayo, Florida, and Kelly Koon of Branford, Florida, as well as nieces and nephews, and many good friends.

A Celebration of Life will be held from 4:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. on Saturday, April 11, 2015, at Wyatt Osteenâ€™s pavilion located at 571 NE County Road 353 in Mayo, Florida.Â Memorial contributions may be made to Suwannee

Valley Haven Hospice, 6037 US 90, Lake City, Florida 32055. You may send  
condolences to [www.beggsfuneral.com](http://www.beggsfuneral.com)

# Tribute Wall

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“ *Our sincere condolence to the Koon family and friends.* ”



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**Gerald & Diane McCall** - April 15, 2015 at 11:41 AM

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“ I would like to convey my deepest sympathy to the family of Vasco Koon. Richard, Rita, Melinda, Curtis and Kelly I would like to share with you my warmest memories of your father and brother. \r\n\r\nVasco was a man of great passion. At the top of his passions was certainly the orange and blue team from Gainesville. I remember one night on a fishing trip somewhere on the St. Johns river that me, Richard, Gary Kelly and Vasco spent the whole of that night "discussing" the virtues of the gator and seminole football programs. Richard and I migrated to one side of the boat and Gary and Vasco on the other. Up until that night I had never been out dueled in these type discussions but I am just now admitting for the first time that Vasco was a master and I just a lowly student. The next day I felt lost and confused and wished I had Bobby Bowden's phone number just to call and make sure everything was okay! Vasco was so confident in his delivery of information regarding coaches, players, statistics and flat out love for his team that I soon realized I was out of my league with Vasco. Seriously, we had a wonderful time fishing and Vasco was equally passionate about fishing. There was other discussions later at family reunions and fish fries and I enjoyed each and every one of them. \r\n\r\nWhen such a colorful and vibrant personality passes into the next dimension the world seems to be a little less until we are able to have perspective. Life is an opportunity to live and learn and enjoy. Vasco seemed to embrace life and these opportunities. It is the very reason why he asked for his memorial to be a fish fry. His passions were not only football and fishing but his family and friends!

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**Mark Putnal** - April 10, 2015 at 12:12 AM

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“ Richard, my thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. May all of the good memories of your father help comfort you during this time.

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**Betty Jo Pate** - April 07, 2015 at 04:00 PM