



William Clay Strode

September 26, 1929 - August 10, 2016

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Bill, a lifelong resident of Sarasota, passed away peacefully at his home with his four children by his side on Wednesday, August 10, 2016. Bill's parents Carl and Helen Strode moved to Sarasota in the early 1920's. After graduating from Sarasota High School, Bill studied Chemistry at the University of Chicago and then signed on with the US Airforce for a full tour of duty in Korea. After Bill's service, he received his law degree from Stetson University and settled back in Sarasota with his wife Jacquelyn and their children.

Bill enjoyed a long and distinguished legal career serving his beloved Sarasota as Assistant State Attorney and City Attorney. He retired from private practice as a senior partner with Kirk Pinkerton in 2005. Bill served as President of the Sarasota County Bar Association, President of the Board of Directors of the Ringling Museum of Art, President of the Kiwanis Club of Sarasota and President of the Asolo Theatre Company Board of Directors.

His commitment to his family, community, partners, clients, and the world at large, is reflected in his many accomplishments and his adventuresome spirit.

Bill is survived by his four children Deborah Strode-Flath (Rick) of Sarasota, Denise Strode-Stealey (Bill) of Sarasota, Jonathan Clay Strode (Georgianna) of Tallahassee, Teresa Strode-Smith (Steve) Dade City, 8 grandchildren, 5 great grandchildren.

Toale Brothers Funeral Home (Downtown) is in charge of arrangements.

Visitation will be Monday, August 15th, 5– 7PM at Toale Brothers Funeral home located at 40 N. Orange Ave, Sarasota, FL. A service will be held Tuesday, August 16th, 11AM at Toale Brothers Funeral home. Burial immediately following at the Sarasota National Cemetery on State Road 72.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Kiwanis Club of Sarasota.