



## Thurston Allyn Prince

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Thurston Allyn “Biff” Prince was involved in a fatal auto accident on September 4th on his way to the gym. Thurston was born an only child to USMC Master Sargent Thurston Gaines Prince, Retired & Pearl Harbor Survivor and USMC Private June Kellogg Prince at Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune in Jacksonville NC but grew up in Lakewood and San Diego, California. He always said he had “no choice but to sign up” and did so in January 1964 after graduating high school. He was a very Patriotic Vietnam Veteran who proudly served our country as a Marine 2nd Recon and was Honorably discharged in November 1969.

After finishing his military service, Thurston attended San Diego State University studying criminology before moving to Georgia to attend Georgia State University. On October 13, 1968 Thurston was duly initiated into The Kappa Sigma Fraternity by the Epsilon-Omega Chapter. He completed his Bachelor of Science Degree on August 19, 1971. He then started a successful Insurance Agency offering multiple lines of insurance. In later years he closed the agency and focused his efforts as an Insurance Agent on helping seniors with Medicare Supplements. On January 14, 1991, Georgia Governor Zell Miller, appointed him Lieutenant Colonel, Aide De Camp, Governors Staff for his patriotism, valor and fidelity. On March 27, 2017, he gladly accepted (for the first time) a Certificate of Appreciation from the DAV for his valuable and devoted service and performance of duty while serving in Vietnam. Additionally, on March 29, 2018, Georgia Governor Nathan Deal and Mike Roby, Commissioner of Veteran’s Services saluted and awarded Thurston a Certificate of Honor for honorable service during the Vietnam War” while declaring March 29th Vietnam Veterans Day.

Thurston was a very private man who loved God, family, working out and boating at University Yacht Club on Lake Lanier where he had been a member for 42 years. He was a member of the Church of God Ministry of Jesus Christ International in Lawrenceville GA.

Thurston was predeceased by his parents of Lakewood CA; his first wife and mother of his three sons, Leedel Matthews Prince of Atlanta GA; his parents-in-law, Charles & Edith

Garner & daughter Cheryl Tucker Carlin all of Camden, Arkansas.

Thurston is survived by his totally devoted wife of 13 years, Jeanne Tucker Prince; Thurston Allyn Prince Jr. and spouse, Ha of Atlanta GA; Stuart Alexander Prince and spouse, Tamara of Suwanee GA; Morgan Kellogg Prince and spouse, Cindy of Roswell GA; James Tucker of Flowery Branch GA; and Maribelle Verdiales of Loganville GA, who he loved as his own daughter. He was richly blessed with 9 beautiful grandchildren throughout the metro Atlanta area and 1 great granddaughter in Alaska. Additionally, he had four sisters-in-law: Shelia Higgs & spouse of Stillwater OK; Beleta Denton and spouse of Camden AR; Toni Toombs & spouse of Albuquerque NM and Pennie Garner of Hot Springs Village AR along with several cousins, as well as nieces and nephews by marriage.

In keeping with his wishes, he was cremated. The family is planning a Celebration of Life to be held at the University Yacht Club in Flowery Branch, GA and will travel to California to spread the cremains in Long Beach Harbor where his parents were taken out to sea for burial at future dates, not yet determined.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to:

Eagle Ranch,  
P. O. Box 7200  
Chestnut Mountain, GA 30502  
<https://eagleranch.org/give>

in memory of Thurston Allyn "Biff" Prince.

OR

Marine Toys For Tots Foundation

# Comments

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“ I'll always remember being a little girl when Biff took out his 12 string guitar and began to play it like magic. He'd almost complete a chord and with a free finger point to let me know where to put my small hand so I could help him hold the chord while he strummed and beautiful music would come out of that incredible instrument that he was so talented at playing.

When I was a teenager, Biff was as protective as a second Dad for me - you can never have too many Dads as a vulnerable girl.

I've been so delighted to have had the opportunity to reconnect with he and his beautiful wife Jeanne at the lake where we all "grew up" and got to "stay young" too.

Biff will always live in our hearts as someone we were so blessed to meet, get to know, and share stories with.

Lots of love to the whole family. Our hearts hurt with you.

Dana, Carey, Deane, & Leonard - also up in Heaven

**Dana Sills** - September 14, 2020 at 06:45 PM

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“ What a beautiful tribute to such a fine man. Biff lived his family, his beautiful wife and his country. We were so blessed to have him as a friend with us at the University Yacht Club. Our prayers are with Jeanne and all of Biff's family.

**Lisa Herndon Wilson** - September 14, 2020 at 05:48 PM

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“ Biff was one of the first that my husband Ralph and I met at the University Yacht Club in 1989. His and Jeanne's friendship have meant so much to us over these 31 years. He was so kind and giving. My heart aches for Jeanne and the family. My prayers are with you all. God bless you...

**carol gibson** - September 14, 2020 at 11:11 AM

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“ Biff has been a loyal friend since 1969. He will be sorely missed by many friends and his loyal family. My thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time. Thanks for the memories Biff...

**Grady Moss** - September 10, 2020 at 03:20 PM