

Fred Austin Bee



Fred Bee sadly left us on 13 January 2024 in Leipers Fork, TN, after a short illness.

Fred was born on 25 November 1937 in Sebring, FL, to Gerald and Ellen Bee. A member of the Naval Academy Class of 1960, he is remembered by his Fourth Company classmates as an avid soccer player and the designer of the 1960 class crest.

After his graduation from USNA, Fred married Theo Sammis. He went on to Flight School and became a photo reconnaissance pilot, flying F-8s.

After leaving the Navy, Fred went to law school at Stetson University in St. Petersburg, FL. Upon graduation, Fred and his family moved to Marathon in the Florida Keys, where Fred practiced law.

After a successful career, the family moved to Harrodsburg, KY, where Fred became a sheep and cattle farmer and he and Theo had a bed and breakfast for 15 years on a farm they called Canaan Land.

In retirement, Fred and Theo moved to Mexico Beach, FL, where they enjoyed ten years of beach life before moving in 2022 to Leipers Fork, TN, just outside of Franklin, to be close to family.

Fred is survived by his wife, Theo; their five children, Ellen Bee Morlote (Florentino), Sarah Bee Yann (Todd), Austin Bee Jr. (Jennifer), Molly Bee Britto (Jair) and Amanda Bee Underwood (Brad); 14 grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

The Bee Family – May-June 2024 Shipmate