



## Ernest "Ernie" Elvin Vance

May 13, 1942 - January 26, 2017

Ernest "Ernie" Elvin Vance, 74, of Crawfordville, died at home with his loving family and friends, January 26, 2017. He was born May 13, 1942 in Albany, Georgia. Was a longtime resident of Crawfordville. His greatest joy was Marsha, his wife, he loved her and would do anything to make her happy. She gave his life meaning and he knew she was always the best thing that ever happened to him. His family meant everything to him. Taylor his daughter/granddaughter was the light of his life, they had such a special connection, and she captured precious moments that will ensure Ernie will live on forever in her heart. Ernie loved to fish, especially the Wakulla & Ochlockonee Rivers. He enjoyed spending time with his good friends, and sharing the real meaning of "Living, Loving & Laughing". He began working for Colonial Life Insurance Company, 40 years ago and remains an independent contractor. He played an instrumental role in building Colonial Life business in the State of Florida. He often spoke about how blessed he was to wake up every morning and go do the thing he loved...representing a great company and working with people that were more than business associates, they were good friends, including a loving brother Donnie Vance. He loved his job and believed in it. All that knew him would say he was a loyal employee.

Survivors include his wife of 46 years Marsha R. Vance, daughter & granddaughter Taylor Rowan of Crawfordville, daughter Joy Ann Vance Johns (Ken) of Clayton, North Carolina, son Jon-Michael Rowan of Crawfordville, sister Barbara Parks of Hoschton, Georgia, brother Donnie Vance (Carolyn) of Sparks, Georgia, grandchildren Cloe Rowan of Crawfordville, Amanda Nicole Swirsky (Ben) of Raleigh, North Carolina & Daniel Madison Johns (Olivia) of Franklinton, North Carolina, great granddaughters Lola Kate Swirsky & Paisley Madison Johns. He was preceded in death by his parents Ernest Luther Vance Jr. & Olive Rochelle Joiner Vance and son Jason William Rowan.

A Celebration of Life Service will be held Saturday, February 4, 2017, 11:00 am at Family Funeral Home 84 Ochlockonee St. Crawfordville, Florida 32327. 850-926-5919 [www.familyfhc.com](http://www.familyfhc.com). Family will have a reception immediately following service at the Funeral Home. Donations may be made to the Tallahassee Memorial Cancer Center in memory of Ernie Vance. 1775 One Healing Place Tallahassee 32308. 850-431-4226.

Arrangements are under the care of Skip Young with Family Funeral Home & Cremation

Services.

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

FEB 4. 11:00 AM (ET)

Young Family Funeral Home  
3106 Crawfordville Hwy.  
Crawfordville, FL 32327  
(850) 926-5919  
<https://www.familyfhc.com/>

## Gathering of Friends

FEB 4. 12:00 PM (ET)

Young Family Funeral Home  
3106 Crawfordville Hwy.  
Crawfordville, FL 32327  
(850) 926-5919  
<https://www.familyfhc.com/>

# Tribute Wall



“ *Young Family Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Ernest "Ernie" Elvin Vance*



Family Funeral Home and Cremation Services - February 01, 2017 at 02:58 PM

JJ

So sweet...Love ❤️❤️❤️ you Daddy...see you in Heaven❤️🙏

joy johns - February 01, 2017 at 08:08 PM

DS

*Nice! He will be missed.*

David Stallings - February 02, 2017 at 08:20 AM

JS

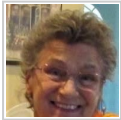
*Good bye Dear Friend*

JOanne Stokley - February 03, 2017 at 02:20 PM

SZ

*What a beautiful, loving and telling tribute. Obviously a man who loved his family, fishing and friends. God bless and keep the family in Gods merciful and loving arms.  
Suzanne Zielinski*

suzanne zeilinski - February 04, 2017 at 09:14 AM



*Oh Marsha, I am so sorry to hear about Ernie.. I was watching Hurricane Michael on TV and thinking of you both. Something made me do a search and I found this. I can't stop crying. Sending you warm hugs and prayers..  
Lauren Ouellette Dees*

Lauren Ouellette Dees - October 10, 2018 at 12:59 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Ernest "Ernie" Elvin Vance.*



February 03, 2017 at 05:55 PM

FF

“ From Cliff Grant and Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathephyllum for the family of Ernest "Ernie" Elvin Vance.



From Cliff Grant and Family - February 03, 2017 at 01:12 PM

YF

“ Your Colonial Life Family purchased the Finest Farewell Spray for the family of Ernest "Ernie" Elvin Vance.



Your Colonial Life Family - February 03, 2017 at 01:42 AM



“ Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Ernest "Ernie" Elvin Vance.



February 02, 2017 at 05:24 PM

BC

“ Brian Chowning purchased the Sweet Tranquility Basket for the family of Ernest "Ernie" Elvin Vance.



Brian Chowning - February 02, 2017 at 03:04 PM

TS

“ Marsha,  
We are so sorry to hear of Ernie's passing. He was a great man and a good friend. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.  
Ray and Terry Smith

Terry Smith - January 31, 2017 at 08:58 AM

PC

“ *Patty and Thomas Cline purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Ernest "Ernie" Elvin Vance.*



Patty and Thomas Cline - January 30, 2017 at 05:54 PM

DS

“ *Ernie was my old buddy. He gave me a chance to work with Colonial at a time when I really needed a job, as things were not going well for me at that time. I have never forgotten that and told him so a few times. He always kind of played it down and said I made him a lot of money...lol. He had a dry sense of humor and could be a little tough at times. But I had a dad who was just like him so I was used to that gruffness and we always got along just fine. I will miss my friend Ernie. He was a great guy and a great manager with Colonial too. See you in heaven ol buddy!*

David B Stallings - January 30, 2017 at 01:21 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Ernest "Ernie" Elvin Vance.*



January 30, 2017 at 12:58 PM



“ *Pretty Please was purchased for the family of Ernest "Ernie" Elvin Vance.*



January 30, 2017 at 10:17 AM

JE

“ *Marsha,*

*I am very sad to learn of Ernie's passing. Ernie will be greatly missed. You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers.*

Julie Espino - January 30, 2017 at 10:10 AM

AM

“ Alyson Motes lit a candle in memory of Ernest "Ernie" Elvin Vance



Alyson Motes - January 30, 2017 at 08:01 AM

RM

“ Ralph, Alyson, Chase & Chance Motes lit a candle in memory of Ernest "Ernie" Elvin Vance



Ralph, Alyson, Chase & Chance Motes - January 30, 2017 at 08:01 AM

SS

“ Marsha so sorry for your loss Ernie was such a great man and will be missed by many.

Scott & Lisa Stillwell

Scott Stillwell - January 29, 2017 at 07:22 AM

AM

“ Anita Moon lit a candle in memory of Ernest "Ernie" Elvin Vance



Anita Moon - January 27, 2017 at 09:19 PM



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January 27, 2017 at 05:03 PM