



Delano E. Bellew

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Delano Earl Bellew, 84, of Odessa, Florida passed away on Tuesday, September 14, 2021. He was born on November 17, 1936 in Lawton, Kentucky to Earl and Christine (Tackett) Bellew. His mother passed away when he was an infant. He was raised by his Aunt Edith and Uncle Oscar Cline. He graduated from Olive Hill High School and then went on to attend Youngstown State University. In 1963 he and his partner Nelson Jones founded United Church Directories, a photography and publishing company in Galion, Ohio. Del moved to Florida and was involved in many other business ventures and volunteered his time on the board of Team Focus and was a past member of the Board of Trustees at the University of South Florida supporting their football and basketball programs. Del was an avid sports contributor and sports enthusiast, especially Ohio State football and Kentucky Wildcats Basketball. Del was a caring and generous man who thrived on helping people and had a passion for business, sports, traveling, boating and being around his family and friends.

He is survived by his children Donetta (Mark) Barnett, Jeffrey (Robyn) Bellew, and Gary (Lisa) Bellew. Grandchildren; Tiffany Barnett, Chelsea Bellew, Marissa (Chris) Lekawa, Brandon (Lauren) Bellew, Shannon (Nick) Kimble, Amber (Kevin) Dawson, and Kayla Bellew-Sinclair and thirteen great grandchildren, his sister Marcella (Bellew) Jones and his former wife Linda Bellew. He was preceded in death by his parents, Aunt Edith, Uncle Oscar, and sisters, Janet Kissinger and Joyce Rose.

The family will have a Celebration of Life at Moss Feaster Funeral Home (693 S. Belcher Road Clearwater, FL 33764) on October 30, 2021 at noon. Memorial Donations may be made to the charity of your choice in honor of Delano Earl Bellew.

The service will be live streamed and you may use the information below to view:
<http://webcast.funeralvue.com/>



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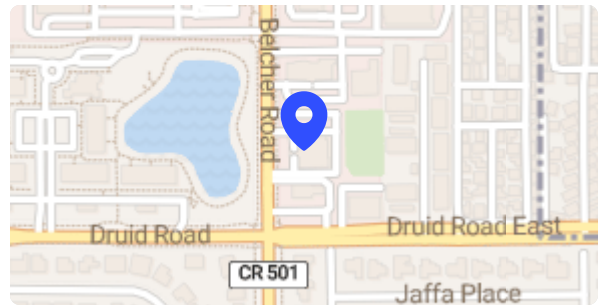
Celebration of Life

 **Saturday**, October 30, 2021

 12:00 PM ET

 **Moss Feaster Funeral Home and Cremation Services - Clearwater**

693 South Belcher Road, Clearwater FL 33764





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Belinda Davis posted:

He was a very good friend. Always supportive of my dreams. We shared a lot of laughs. Del you always said you wanted to go sliding into home plate with champagne and a cigar yelling "That was one heck of a ride." I have a feeling that wish was granted. Goodbye old friend you will be missed by so many. Thanks for the good times.

September 3 at 8:41 PM



Jeff And Linda Mabrey sent a Blue Caribbean Bouquet to the Bellew family.



October 29 at 8:21 AM



Anonymous sent a Beautiful Dreams to the Bellew family.



October 27 at 6:22 AM



The Bellew's- Tim, Pam, Mason & Claudia sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Bellew family.



October 25 at 8:19 AM



Anonymous sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Bellew family.



October 19 at 10:40 AM



Anonymous sent a Lily and Rose Tribute Spray to the Bellew family.



September 29 at 6:57 AM



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Sally Santiago lit a candle in honor of Delano.



September 25 at 2:02 PM



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PH

Patricia Haberberger posted:

I only worked for Del a few months but he always made me feel welcome. He was a kind man but had a way of getting what he wanted. He would often trick me into taking a ride but we always ended up at the Dairy Queen. Del loved the Dilly Bars and strawberry shakes. He would always tell me I drove too slow. One day I said I don't want to get a speeding ticket and he said don't worry you won't and if you do I'll pay it for you. He will always hold a special place in my heart. My sympathy to all his family. Patricia Haberberger

September 25 at 1:07 AM

RP

Russ Petz September 29 at 1:57 PM

I had the great pleasure of meeting Del 27 years ago after he sold his company to Lifetouch. We quickly became great friends and he thought that I would be a great fit to work at his former company. He arranged for me to go to Galion Ohio and meet with the new owners. With his guidance I was able to spend the next 26 years rising through the ranks to become the director of sales. I was at a great advantage because I had a guy who had a wealth of knowledge about the business as a real good friend. Besides being a really good friend he was an exceptionally generous person, almost generous to a fault. He went out of his way to help people and was very humble about it. I remember one time we flew to the Bahamas in one of his jets. He was like a little kid in a candy store and insisted that I get in the copilot seat and take it for a spin. We had such incredible fun together. Del will always hold a very special place in my heart. The world is a little less kind today, but heaven just welcomed an Angel. Warmest wishes to Jeff, Donetta, Gary, and the rest of the family. You guys were truly blessed. Russ Petz

JG

Jack Guggino September 29 at 6:46 AM

Once in a while a person enters our life that makes us better human beings. The first time I met Del was on his private plane through the courtesy of then president of University of South Florida Judy Genshaft. Del approached me, introduced himself and handed me a glass of ice and Johnny Walker Blue. His welcoming and warm smile, sincere twinkle in his eye made me feel very welcome and that we had been friends a long time. We developed a great friendship and mutual respect for each other. Whatever he committed to, it was 100%. As a strong supporter of the University of Kentucky, Ohio State University and University of South Florida basketball and football programs he was very benevolent and supportive. He offered his personal time and wealth to make these programs more successful. Dell was very particular, opinionated and outspoken. I suppose that's why we got along so well. He was an inspiration, he taught me to be more charitable and committed to important causes. His genuine and sincere love for people allowed him to be tolerant and often forgiving. A true sign of a Christian. I will miss Del and always be grateful to Judy Genshaft for introducing me to a wonderful human being.



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Anonymous sent a Peaceful White Lilies Basket to the Bellew family.

September 24 at 3:15 PM



Rebecca Dykes lit a candle in honor of Delano.

Our deepest sympathies Del's family 🙏. Looking back, we have great memories of family meetings! No matter if it was Del, Carla or Gary and I who asked for the meeting, Del was always willing to listen, share ideas and work together with us for Corey and Tiffany's sakes. He always treated our twins Katie and Michelle as if they were just as important, and we will always remember that kindness. Although Del and Gary and I were of another generation, it always amazed me how Del and I would think right along the same lines. He always treated me with respect and gave me the floor when I needed to be heard. I will always believe that Corey and Tiffany were able to succeed in life because of Del's help with raising them. They say that it takes a village, and that could never be more true! We remember him with fondness and gratitude for these things and more. Rest in peace Del, you are home now. Rebecca and Gary Dykes

September 24 at 8:56 AM



Carla Lessa lit a candle in honor of Delano.

In loving memory of a great person and a cherished friend. I will always cherish my great memories of our time together. I will never forget all the wonderful times we spent. Del was such a fun loving man with an electrifying laugh. He loved having family get togethers and spending time with our friends. Whether it was a dinner or a trip he always wanted to have fun! Del raised my two children Corey and Tiffany for half their childhood. He treated them like his own and he was loved like a dad. He will remain forever in their hearts. Del touched a lot of people's hearts and everyone who knew him loved him dearly! He was truly an amazing person! To know him was to love him. You will always be forever in our heart and never forgotten my friend. You will be missed. May you rest in peace!

September 24 at 7:10 AM





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Gavin Lane posted:

Mr. Bellew is a great man. Over the years I worked for him but I did not see him as a boss because he made me feel like family. He always asked how I was doing and genuinely cared. I will never forget how his presence and laughter filled the room with joy at his birthday parties. You will be missed.

September 23 at 3:37 PM



Ron And Linda (Mcnew) Nelson lit a candle in honor of Delano.

To the Bellew Family, Please accept our sympathies and prayers for the passing of Del. The Ron Nelson Family

September 23 at 2:47 PM



Barbara Ann Bender posted:

In loving memory of a wonderful Man and a wonderful Friend. We will love you and miss you always. Our Hearts are Breaking. We are sorry that we did not get to see you before you left. We will never forget you Del Bellew. Love Kerry and Barbara Ann Bender

September 23 at 12:45 PM



Anonymous sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Bellew family.

September 23 at 8:42 AM



Sandi And Mick Conroy posted:

So sorry for your loss Jeff and Robin.

September 22 at 6:24 PM



Anonymous sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Bellew family.

September 22 at 4:46 PM





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MC

Mike Curkan posted:

Del was always a great guy and generous to a fault. The world lost one of the good guys.

September 22 at 2:38 PM

DS

Dave Saracino posted:

Our deepest heartfelt condolences to the entire family especially our dear friends Donetta, Mark and Tiffany. We will all miss DB as he was larger than life with a laugh that was infectious. We will never forget singing karaoke with DB. Thoughts and prayers. The Saracino & Santucci Families.

September 22 at 9:34 AM

JW

Judy Winters posted:

My condolences to Del's family. He was a great brother-in-law and uncle and will be deeply missed. He was always kind, loving and generous to our family and a great employer to my beloved Jack. Jack loved working for Del. Del gave him the latitude he needed to develop and help grow the company. Del was larger than life. It is hard to imagine him gone from our lives. He will be deeply missed. May God bless you, With love, Judy Winters

September 21 at 3:43 PM

PW

Pat Winters posted:

To Linda and Del's family , I was saddened to hear of his passing. He gave you all great memories to hold onto. And he will be truly missed by our family,too. Del will be remembered as generous and fun loving to all of us. Please accept my sincere sympathy, Pat Winters

September 20 at 2:06 PM

TW

Tina Webb posted:

Condolences and healing wishes to Del's family. Del was a man of integrity and a kind spirit. While our acquaintance started through a business relationship, he became a loyal friend. May he rest in peace. ~ Tina Webb, ASID, Ret.

September 19 at 1:14 PM



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Anonymous sent a sympathy card to the Bellew family.



September 19 at 1:13 PM



Nancy Frye posted:

To the family of Delano Bellew: I worked for Del for over 30 years and he was very good to me. To his sister Marcella, his children: Jeff, Donetta and Gary, I am so sorry for your loss. He will be very much missed. Nancy Frye

September 19 at 10:10 AM



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SG

Sandy Griefenstine posted:

I met the Bellew family back in 1965 when I started to work for United Church Directories. I have known all of them ever since. Although the years have gone by and distance has separated most of us, I will have wonderful memories of this family of Del, Jeff, Donetta and Gary and Del's sister, Marcella, whom I have exchanged Christmas greetings for over 50 years. I have just experienced my own loss of a spouse. I know what you are going through. Please stay close as siblings in your future years and always share the happy memories together that I know you all have of your Dad and happy family gatherings. Bless you all and I feel your loss. Sandy Griefenstine

September 19 at 9:38 AM

GP

Glenda Price October 30 at 7:00 AM

Rest In Peace Delano

JG

Jack Guggino September 29 at 12:52 PM

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SL

Stephen Lineberry September 23 at 6:05 PM

I was a young 23 year old photographer when I met Del! I worked for him for 25 years...I will always remember his kindness, his integrity and his professionalism. It was a privilege to have known him!

LM

Laura Maranto September 23 at 9:59 AM

My sincerest condolences to the family. Del was an amazing person. He knew how to live life to the fullest. I will always cherish the many great times we use to all have together. He will be missed but never forgotten. May he Rest In Peace

PB

Peggy Besecker September 22 at 6:54 PM

Jeff and Robyn, My sincerest sympathy to you and your family on the passing of your dear father. Praying you find peace with his passing.



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SG

DB

Diane (Johnson) Bowman September 22 at 5:16 PM

I too knew Del from UCD. Great family. Jeff, Gary and Donetta I am so sorry for your loss. Cherish the many memories. Diane (Johnson)Bowman

JT

Joanne Traxler September 22 at 8:50 AM

Harold and I were saddened to learn of Del's passing. The memories we have of Del, Linda, and his family are endless. We talk often of the great times we had together for so many years. He will be missed by all who knew and loved him. May he rest in peace.

JA

Joy Adkins September 22 at 8:21 AM

My sincere sympathy to Del's family. We were classmates at Olive Hill High School and enjoyed his class photography at our class reunion. Joy Roark Adkins

WH

Wanda Easterling Horsley September 20 at 7:53 AM

I knew Del best as a student at Olive Hill Ky High School. He was a very good worker for our class reunions and published our portraits in a student booklet for each of us while he had the photo studio. We have missed him at the last few class reunions.



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Delano by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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