



Attorney Joseph Morrell, Sr.

July 31, 1951 - November 5, 2020

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Joseph “Joe” Morrell, Sr., a distinguished member of the Central Florida community, passed away on November 5, 2020. He was a well loved man honored by his family and many friends and colleagues.

Joe was born in Winter Park, FL on July 31, 1951. He graduated from Winter Park High School in 1969 and went on to attend Florida A&M University (“FAMU”). He majored in Political Science and graduated Magna Cum Laude in 1972, one year earlier than expected. Soon after, Joseph was admitted to the University of Florida College of Law, where he was awarded his Juris Doctor Degree in 1976 and admitted to the Florida Bar as an Attorney and Counselor of Law in 1977.

Joe met his wife Gail, when they were seniors at FAMU. They fell deeply in love and were married in 1974 in Jacksonville, Florida. Soon after, they were blessed with a son, Joseph, Jr., in 1977. In 1980, Joe and Gail moved to Central Florida where Joe opened a private practice where he was able to help countless clients with their legal matters. Joe was well respected by the legal community as a fierce litigator with the utmost professionalism.

He was known as a fighter, willing to take cases all the way to trial or pursue remedies at the Appellate level when necessary. In 1988, they were blessed with another son, Desmond, who followed his father's footsteps and became an attorney.

Joe loved having big family dinners during the holidays and he was a master on the BBQ grill. He had many wonderful years with Gail, Desmond, and Joey. They enjoyed great vacations both internationally and within the United States, and never missed family events or gatherings. Joe often said his greatest accomplishment was raising his sons.

Joe had a very distinguished legal career. He practiced in the areas of Municipal Law, Criminal Law, Family Law, Probate, and Appellate Law. Over the years, he served hundreds of clients and he always represented them with zeal and excellence. One of his career highlights was serving as Eatonville's Town Attorney for nearly 40 years.

His professional resume includes:

Former Assistant City Attorney-Jacksonville, FL

Attorney for the Town of Eatonville, FL

General Counsel Hungerford Trust

Chairman of the Board, Greater Orlando Legal Aid Society

Law Offices of Joseph Morrell, P.A.

Joe's professional involvement includes but is not limited to the following:

The Florida Bar

Former Vice-Chairman Criminal Law Section Orange County Bar Association

Charter member of America Inns of Court #123

Former President of Paul C. Perkins Bar Association

Former Board Member Criminal Defense Lawyers Association

Member Orlando Committee For Selection of U.S. Magistrate

His community involvement included:

NAACP Orange County

Former Chairman of Board Royal Palm Lodge #439

Former Board Member and Founding Member of 100 Black Men of Orlando

Former Board Member of Ward Chapel, AME Church, Winter Park

Former President FAMU Alumni Association

Chairman of the Board for G.O.A.L.S.

Masonic Lodge Member

Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc.

Joe and Gail lived a full and happily married life for 46 years. They were blessed with two wonderful sons and three beautiful granddaughters who adored him.

Joe was predeceased by his father, Ben Morrell; mother, Annie Mae Thompson, sisters Mary King (King) and Annie Mae Ray (Roy), and brothers: Robert Thompson (Genelle) and Ben Morall.

He is survived by his wife, Gail Morrell; sons: Joseph Morrell, Jr., Desmond Morrell (Paula); granddaughters: Ella Morrell, Olivia Morrell and Liliana Morrell. He also leaves behind his three sisters: Betty Brown, Rosalie Pitts and Enid Laverne Peterson; brother, Paul Morrell; his mother-in-law, Georgia C. Witsell, sisters-in-law: Patti Moore and Debra Council (Wayne); brothers-in-law: Harold Witsell (Tyra) and Anthony Witsell (Cynthia). In addition, Joe leaves a host of cousins, loving nieces and nephews, grandnieces and nephews, and many life-long friends.

His family lovingly leaves him in the blessed hands of our savior, Jesus Christ, and his memory will always remain in 'his' special place in Gail's heart.

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV **13.** 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Christ Church
151 W. Church Avenue
Longwood, FL 32750

Service

NOV **15.** 4:00 PM (ET)

Christ Church
151 W. Church Avenue
Longwood, FL 32750

Tribute Wall



“ *Attorney Joseph Morrell, Sr.*

October 22, 2023 at 05:49 PM



“ *John and I have many special memories of our classmate and friend. We wish to express our sincere condolences to Gail and the entire family.*

John and Grace Lias



Grace Lias - November 17, 2020 at 01:47 PM



“ *Dr. Joseph Morrell, J. D. Served his nation, municipalities and hundreds of Families WITH Competent, dignified Care AND excellent Advocacy.*

Dr. Tim ADAMS Th D. - November 15, 2020 at 11:18 PM



“ *So very sorry to hear of your passing today. I will always remember the gentleman that you were when you came to the Elks Lodge. Rest in Love Joseph. To the family..I pray that God keeps you covered and brings you peace.*

Vera Mema Cheeks - November 15, 2020 at 08:49 PM

JC

“ We send our deepest sympathy to you Gail and your family. We will keep you and everyone in prayer and pray that God comfort and guide you through this difficult time.
Your Cousins Jimmy and Mary Clay and Judy Clay-Jenkins and Wayne Jenkins

Judy Clay-Jenkins - November 13, 2020 at 08:34 PM

MD

“ Martha Burns Dixon lit a candle in memory of Attorney Joseph Morrell, Sr.



Martha Burns Dixon - November 13, 2020 at 02:51 PM

JR

“ Jacquelyn Robinson lit a candle in memory of Attorney Joseph Morrell, Sr.



Jacquelyn Robinson - November 13, 2020 at 02:16 PM

M'

“ We send our sincere prayers and condolences to classmate Betty Morrell Brown and. The Morrell Family! 🙏
HHS Class of 1962
Mary Daniels '62

Mary Daniels '62 - November 13, 2020 at 11:45 AM

RB

“ *Rosa and Betty purchased the Simply Elegant Sp
athiphyllum for the family of Attorney Joseph
Morrell, Sr..*



Rosa and Betty - November 13, 2020 at 09:35 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for
the family of Attorney Joseph Morrell, Sr..*



November 12, 2020 at 06:26 PM

BL

“ *Mr. Morrell was a fine attorney and always a gentleman. He is
missed around the courthouse!*

Bob LeBlanc

Bob LeBlanc - November 12, 2020 at 04:09 PM

JF

“ *Jason T. Hayes and Family purchased the Peace
ful White Lilies Basket for the family of Attorney
Joseph Morrell, Sr..*



Jason T. Hayes and Family - November 12, 2020 at 02:54 PM



“ *Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of Attorney Joseph Morrell, Sr..*



November 12, 2020 at 01:40 PM



“ *My thoughts and prayers are with the Morrell family and friends.*

Frances Brown-Lewis



Frances Brown-Lewis - November 12, 2020 at 12:37 PM



“ *Paul, Kim, and Danyelle purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Attorney Joseph Morrell, Sr..*



Paul, Kim, and Danyelle - November 11, 2020 at 10:36 PM



“ *Love, Dr. Luther Adair II & Family purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Attorney Joseph Morrell, Sr..*



Love, Dr. Luther Adair II & Family - November 11, 2020 at 06:10 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Attorney Joseph Morrell, Sr..*



November 11, 2020 at 04:18 PM



“ *Sending love and prayers to Gail, Joey, Desmond and family.*



Nicole Bolden - November 11, 2020 at 11:53 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Attorney Joseph Morrell, Sr..*



November 11, 2020 at 11:46 AM



“ *Janice Vianna sent a virtual gift in memory of Attorney Joseph Morrell, Sr.*



Janice Vianna - November 11, 2020 at 02:41 AM

JV

“ *It is with heavy hearts that we send our most heartfelt condolences to our extended family Gail, Joey, and Desmond for the sudden loss of their beloved husband and father. Please know that you continue to be in our thoughts and prayers. We know that Joseph Sr. now rests peacefully in the glory of our Lord and hope that is of great comfort to you all. We ask our Lord to bless you with the strength to get through this trying time, and that he wrap you with his warm loving embrace of comfort. May God bless you all.*



*With all of our love and support,
Ruben, Clara, Janice, and Nataliya Vianna*

Janice Vianna - November 11, 2020 at 02:33 AM

SR

“ *My deepest sympathy to the Morrell Family and friends. We will truly miss Attorney Morrell, he has done a lot of good work and remained grounded as a person and as a professional. I am praying for you family and please know that absence from the body, is to presence with the Lord. May God continue to bless and keep you forever more.*



Shelia Hamm-Reid & Family

Shelia D Reid - November 10, 2020 at 06:56 PM

DN

“ *The Newsome Family lit a candle in memory of Attorney Joseph Morrell Sr.*



Dot Newsome - November 10, 2020 at 09:43 AM

LM

“ *Love, Joseph Jr, Ella, and Olivia Morrell purchased the Care and Compassion Spray for the family of Attorney Joseph Morrell, Sr..*



Love, Joseph Jr, Ella, and Olivia Morrell - November 10, 2020 at 06:13 AM

JJ

“ *1 file added to the album Joseph Morrell Sr*



Joseph Morrell Jr - November 10, 2020 at 05:20 AM

PC

Sorry for family loss god will wipe away all tears god bless Phyllis Wilson cooper & Wilson family

Phyllis Wilson cooper - November 10, 2020 at 01:42 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Attorney Joseph Morrell, Sr..*



November 10, 2020 at 12:30 AM