



Kirk Mason Stage

April 17, 2022

Kirk Mason Stage died peacefully at home on April 17, 2022, of complications of lung cancer.

Kirk was born on July 3, 1952, in Jacksonville, Florida, to John and Shirley Stage. He grew up boating and sailing on the St. Johns River, making many lifelong friends in the neighborhood. Kirk earned a Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Florida in 1974, after which he was briefly a partner in a smoked mullet business and then worked for several local environmental consulting firms. He was a wetland scientist at Water & Air Research for more than 35 years, retiring in 2017. Over the years, Kirk owned sailboats, canoes, and other watercraft and was also an avid birdwatcher, sometime fisherman, and skilled putterer around the house and yard.

Kirk is survived by his wife of 34 years, Kate Walker; siblings Polly Stage Harris (Tom) of Durham, North Carolina, David Stage (Sarah) of Tallahassee, and Tom (Stephanie) of South Euclid, Ohio; and special cousins Sam Stage (Melanie) of Elkton, Florida, and Amy Stage of St. Augustine.

A memorial service will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, June 4, at Williams-Thomas Funeral Home Downtown, 404 North Main Street in Gainesville. Memorial contributions may be made to Alachua Conservation Trust, 7204 SE County Road 234, Gainesville, FL 32641.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

JUN 4. 2:00 PM (ET)

Williams - Thomas Downtown

404 N. Main St.

Gainesville, FL 32601

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Tribute Wall



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Williams-Thomas Funeral Homes - June 07 at 10:53 AM

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“ *Kirk was kind, generous, smart, and funny.*

When Ginny and I visited Kate and Kirk in 2018, we were graciously hosted and taken to see many fascinating nature areas. Kirk knew so much about these areas, why they were geologically there and the wildlife. He clearly loved nature.

I will always remember that visit, his knowledge, and his sense of humor.

Robert Ralston

Robert Ralston - May 23 at 08:59 PM



“ *We'll never forget the night we were invited to dinner with other friends. There were thousands of spadefoot toads all over the yard, but Kirk had put down wood walkways to help us avoid stepping on them! A real testament to the gentle soul he was. He will be missed. Howard and Lisa Jelks*

Howard Jelks - May 16 at 09:03 PM

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“ *Kirk was a wonderful friend. He was smart and always had a practical solution to any problem. I worked with him at Water and Air Research and valued his advice. I will miss him. Much love to Kate. Jeanne Dorsey*

Jeanne Dorsey - May 04 at 05:13 PM