



## Willis "Spike" Link

May 5, 1925 - October 12, 2022

Willis "Spike" Kellen Link, 97, passed away October 12, 2022. He was born May 5, 1925 in Bloomville, Ohio to the late Willis Kellen and Avis Lavern (Brown) Link.

Spike proudly served in the US Navy during WWII in the Pacific Theater and then graduated from Ohio State University. He moved south to St. Petersburg, Florida in 1974 from Columbus, Ohio and then to Sarasota in 1987. He was strong in the Methodist Christian faith and attended the First United Methodist Church for many years. Spike was also a member of The Ohio State University honor society, fraternity, and alumni associations. He continued to attend fraternity luncheons in Florida. He was also a member of the VFW and Masonic Lodge. Spike loved people, socializing, living in the country, outdoors, football, and flying private aircraft. While still in Columbus he enjoyed years of refereeing for high school football games.

Left to cherish his memory are his daughter Sheryl Ann Link; son Stephen Kellen Link and his wife Jodi Link; sister Martha Jane Spain; grandchildren Amanda Link, Mackenzie Link, Christine Link, Joe Link, Bethany Link and Maloree Link.

In addition to his parents, he was predeceased by his wife Bethany Jean Link and son Keith Harold Link.

There will be a celebration of Spike's life with military honors on Saturday, November 5, 2022, 5:00 pm, First United Methodist Church, 104 S Pineapple Avenue, Sarasota, Florida 34236. Memories and condolences may be left for the family online <https://www.mfhcares.com/obituaries/Willis-Link/#!/Obituary> .

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

NOV 5. 5:00 PM (ET)

First United Methodist Church  
104 S. Pineapple Avenue  
Sarasota, FL 34236

# Tribute Wall



“ Dear Sheri, Steve, Jodi and family. It seems surreal in a way that he is now in heaven. Spike was a huge presence in my life during his younger years. Bethany and Spike were two people who changed my life and will never be forgotten. Both were incredibly kind and thoughtful, always thinking of others. We spent time on the beach together, went to movies together, shared our joys and sorrows together. And now Spike will be united with his beloved wife Bethany and dear dear son Keith. I recall each time Spike would call me on the phone, or I would call him to speak with Bethany he would always call me "Jo Jo," even after Bethany passed. I loved them both so much as well as their son Keith. A time to be born and a time to die. May God bless all three of them and the family. In loving memory, Joleen

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