



**DONALD "CHANDLER" YOUNG, JR.
May 22, 2022**

Donald "Chandler" Young, Jr. died peacefully at Melich Hospice House after a brief stay in Memorial Hospital on May 22, 2022 in Tampa, Florida at the age of 87.

Chandler is survived by his wife, Sandra Ferebee Young of Tampa; his daughter, Heather Hawthorne Young of Menlo Park, CA; his son Donald Chandler ("Bo") Young III (Cheryl) of Tampa, his Grandchildren Donald Chandler Young IV, Mollie Wilkerson Young and William Compton Young, all of Tampa; His sisters Juliette Young-Traiger of East Orleans, MA, Mary Lu Daly (Bill) of Sarasota, FL and Hillary Young Carney (Jim) of Uxbridge, MA. He is preceded in death by his parents Donald Chandler Young and Barbara Davis Young of Amherst, MA and his brother Peter Fredrick Young of Bradenton, FL.

Chandler was born on February 26, 1935 in Springfield, MA to Donald and Barbara Young. He graduated from St. Peter's preparatory and Amherst College (Beta Theta Pi). After meeting the love of his life during his Naval tour of duty in Adak, Alaska, Chandler married Sandra Hope Ferebee in 1962 when he resigned his commission. His first child, Heather, was born in 1964 while he completed his Masters Degree at Tufts University under the G.I. Bill. His second child "Bo" followed soon after and the family was complete. After a dozen years as a teacher and Principal in Secondary Education, Chandler switched to Sales first in his wife's thriving company as VP and later with Helveston-Fox Premier Sales as a manufacturer's representative only retiring after well into his 70s. His children remember him as ever curious – never without a question – and eager to engage, a constant presence in their lives who encouraged them to pursue their goals unfailingly.

Chandler had the wonderful ability to connect with whoever he came in contact with, and often, you'd feel like a life-long friend of his after just a few minutes of fellowship. He was a generous and witty person who viewed everything in a positive light. He loved to travel both in the U.S. and abroad, and he left behind 1000s of pictures to prove it. He was devoted to his wife Sandra, and was very proud of their 60 years together. Chandler was also very devoted to his three grandchildren, and he often mentioned being such a big part of their collective childhoods were some of the most valued memories he cherished. To them he will forever be known as their loving "Papaw." One of Chandler's most unique skills was related to directions and geography. He had an uncanny ability to remember places he had been to years before with the precision of a GPS, and he always stunned those with him with this amazing recall. The last few years of life he was very active with the Brookdale Assisted Living facility where he and Sandra lived.

A Memorial Service is scheduled for Monday, June 6th at 2PM at [Palma Ceia Presbyterian Church](#) at 3501 W. San Jose Street, Tampa, FL 33629. All are welcome to attend and celebrate Chandler's life. In lieu of flowers, please send donations to [End 68 Hours of Hunger](#). Donations can be mailed to: 601 S. Boulevard, Tampa, Florida 33606 or online donations can be made [HERE](#). Condolences can be sent to [Blount & Curry Funeral Home - MacDill Avenue](#). The family would like to thank all the compassionate Caregivers at Memorial Hospital and Melech Hospice House. And heartfelt thanks to the Caregivers and Residents of Brookdale Assisted Living, Avail Senior Care and Angel's Memory Care for their amazing support, compassion and friendship for Chandler and Sandra.