



APPLEGATE, Geoffrey Hill, age 78, known as "Jeff" by family and friends, was called home on March 2, 2018, in New Smyrna Beach, Florida. He was predeceased by his parents, John Morgan and Rosalie Pleasants Applegate; his brothers, James McGill Applegate and Shelton Pleasants Applegate; and his sisters, JoAnne Cary Applegate and Katrina Forsythe Applegate. He is survived by his loving and devoted wife of 24 years, Joan Sturtz Applegate; three daughters, Kathryn Applegate Duffer, Anne Shelton Applegate and Elizabeth Applegate Gillespie; his sister, Mary Applegate Martin; three grandchildren, Sarah Elizabeth Mills, McKinley Crawford Duffer and Rosalie Austin Duffer; and numerous nieces, nephews and extended family. Born September 23, 1939, Jeff grew up in Forest Hill Park and Bon Air, Va. He attended Midlothian High School, lettering in football, basketball and baseball. After graduating in 1958, Jeff continued to Randolph-Macon College in Ashland, Va., for both education

and athletics. Jeff was a member of the Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity and established lifelong friendships in the classrooms, his fraternity, and on the football, basketball and baseball teams. Jeff graduated with a B.A. in sociology from Randolph-Macon in 1962. Although being drafted to the Pittsburgh Pirates prior to his college graduation, Jeff decided to teach history and coach basketball at Warwick High School in Newport News, Va. In 1964, he was offered a coaching position at The College of William and Mary in Williamsburg, Va., but chose to return to the Richmond area, working alongside his father, for the David M. Lee Company, eventually becoming Vice President of Sales for the Packet Division. In 1976, The Sea Pines Company hired Jeff to be Vice President of Sales for the development of the planned community, Brandermill. Later, the entrepreneur in him led Jeff to open his own real estate company, Applegate Realty. Wanting to give back to his community, Jeff ran and was elected to the Chesterfield County Board of Supervisors in 1983 and represented the Clover Hill District for eight years (1984 to 1991). During his tenure on the Board of Supervisors, Jeff served as Chairman of the Board in 1985, 1988 and 1989; Chairman of the Richmond Capitol Region Airport Commission; Member and Chairman of the Richmond Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization; Chairman of the Metropolitan Economic Development Council; Member of the James River Port Study Committee; Member of the VA Municipal League Legislative Committee; Chairman of the Courts Building Committee; Member of the Chesterfield /Colonial Heights Social Services Board; and numerous other committees and boards, always representing the citizens of Chesterfield County. Jeff was instrumental in many important projects such as schools, the new courthouse complex, libraries, parks, fire stations, the Richmond International Airport expansion and the renovation of The Diamond Baseball Complex. Major transportation projects were initiated and completed by Jeff, including the Powhite Parkway Extension and Southern Route 288. Later, he and his wife, Joan, moved to Callawassie Island, S.C., where Jeff was Head Broker of Sales for Spring Island, S.C., for 15 years. Upon his retirement, Jeff's love of the water took him and Joan to New Smyrna Beach, Fla., splitting their time between Deltaville, Va. and New Smyrna Beach. Jeff's faith was ingrained in him from a very young age and sustained him through times of joy and adversity. He was a Senior Warden at St. Michael's Episcopal Church in Bon Air, Va., and later instrumental in starting the Church of Our Savior in Chesterfield, Va. Jeff was a current member of Our Lady Star of the Sea in New Smyrna Beach, Fla., and attended regularly. Jeff loved his family, nature, athletics, travel, his R-MC alma mater, golf, hunting, fishing, NASCAR and adventure. He was a man with endless generosity in thought, word and deed. Jeff so loved life! "Jeff," "Daddy" and "Papa" loved people and will forever be remembered and held in our hearts as a shining light. The family will receive visitors at Bliley's-Chippenham, 6900 Hull Street Road, Richmond, Va. 23224 on Friday, March 9, 2018, from 6 to 8 p.m. Funeral services will take place at St. Michael's Episcopal Church, 8706 Quaker Lane, Bon Air, Va. 23235, on Saturday,