Nathaniel Pryor Reed

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An Extraordinary Life of Leadership and Accomplishment



Dedicated to Nathaniel Pryor Reed's family, who shared this remarkable man with Florida, the nation and the world.



Permelia Reed with her sons Samuel P., Adrian P., Nathaniel P., and Joseph P. Reed, Jr.



The Reed Family in 2013. Front: Lia (holding Roo), Benji, Michelle (holding Riley), Nat III, Alita, Nathaniel, Ellie. REAR: Adrian, Davis, Avery, Nat, Jr.

FROM THE PRESIDENT:

An Extraordinary Life of Leadership and Accomplishment

by Paul Owens

It is hard to overstate what Nathaniel Pryor Reed accomplished throughout the nation and in his beloved Florida before he passed away in July at age 84. Former state Department of Environmental Regulation Secretary Victoria Tschinkel may have described it best in the essay she contributed for this special edition of *Foresight* honoring our co-founder: "The entire natural world is far better off because of his wide-ranging vigorous and passionate life's work."

As an appointee and advisor for six Florida governors and two U.S. presidents, as well as top state and federal environmental officials, he built a remarkable record of accomplishment. Here are just some of the highlights:

In 1967, Republican Governor Claude Kirk Jr. appointed Nathaniel to be the state's first Governor's Environmental Counsel, a job for which he accepted just \$1 a year. At Nathaniel's urging, Kirk cut state approvals to dredge and fill Florida wetlands by 90 percent. The governor created a Department of Air and Water Pollution Control and installed Nathaniel as chairman; the new agency set water-quality standards and ordered polluters to reduce their waste. Yielding to opposition from his Counsel, Kirk dropped his support for two environmentally ruinous projects: the Florida Jetport, a massive airport proposed for the Big Cypress Swamp; and the Cross-Florida Barge Canal. Nathaniel ultimately persuaded President Richard Nixon to withdraw federal funding for both projects.

In 1971, Nathaniel accepted Nixon's invitation to become U.S. Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Fish, Wildlife and National Parks, a post he retained under President Gerald Ford until 1977. As a federal official,



Florida Air and Water Pollution Control Commission member Nathaniel Reed in 1969.

Nathaniel played an instrumental role in a series of landmark environmental achievements, including banning DDT and Compound 1080; drafting and passing the Endangered Species Act; passing the Clean Water Act and Marine Mammals Protection Act; creating the Big Cypress National Preserve and making other significant and sizeable additions to the nation's inventory of protected natural treasures.

After Nathaniel returned home to Florida, Democratic Governor Bob Graham appointed him to serve on the Governing Board of the South Florida Water Management District. He served 14 years, being reappointed by Republican Governor Bob

Martinez and Democratic Governor Lawton Chiles. From that position, Nathaniel led the fight for Everglades protection and restoration. After leaving the board in 1992, he remained a key advisor on Everglades policy to state and federal leaders.

Also during this period, Martinez appointed him to chair a commission that laid the foundation for Florida's two pioneering land acquisition programs, Preservation 2000 and Florida Forever, that would protect more than 2.4 million acres in the state from development. Chiles later tapped him to co-chair the commission that launched the Florida Greenways program to identify environmental corridors for protection throughout the state.

While widely known for his environmental advocacy, Nathaniel also was a leader in promoting growth management in Florida. In 1982, Graham appointed him to the Environmental Land Management Study

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Committee (ELMS II), which led to passage of Florida's 1985 Growth Management Act. In 1986, Nathaniel and Dr. John DeGrove founded 1000 Friends of Florida as a nonprofit bipartisan watchdog to oversee implementation of the 1985 law. Nathaniel served as 1000 Friends' Chairman until 2000, continuing as Chairman Emeritus until his passing.

Under his leadership, 1000 Friends fought for growth management in over five dozen legal cases with statewide significance, lobbied the Florida Legislature each year in favor of sound planning, and played a leading role in the successful relocation of the Scripps Biomedical Research Institute from a remote site in rural Palm Beach County to a more appropriate urban infill site near existing infrastructure.

In the last months of his life, he conceived and initiated *Trouble in* Paradise – a consensus report from 1000 Friends and eight other conservation organizations intended to spur all candidates to confront the state's most pressing environmental challenges.

1000 Friends published three groundbreaking reports under his guidance about the negative consequences for Florida's future from sprawling development: Florida 2060, on which he convened a group that prepared Working to Sustain Florida's Rural and Natural Lands: A Call to Action; and later, Florida 2070 and Water 2070. In the last months of his life, he conceived and initiated *Trouble in Paradise* – a consensus report from 1000 Friends and eight other conservation organizations intended to spur all candidates for office in Florida to confront the state's most pressing environmental challenges.

In putting together this tribute, we could have turned to experts for more details on the policies and programs Nathaniel launched throughout his remarkable life. Those details are no doubt important,



Nathaniel, as Assistant Secretary of the U.S. Department of the Interior for Fish. Wildlife and Parks, chats with Robert Williams, Florida Historic Preservation Officer in Washington, D.C. in 1974.

but they are available from other sources. Instead, we reached out to colleagues and friends for their private view of this remarkable public servant. Some of those who contributed chose to spotlight his high-profile efforts and accomplishments in offering that perspective. Others focused on more-personal stories.

We hope these remembrances will deepen your appreciation for Nathaniel Reed – not only for everything he accomplished for Florida and the nation, but for his inspiration to leaders of today and tomorrow who share his love for the natural world, and are dedicated to preserving it for future generations.



Nathaniel Pryor Reed: A Force for Change

by Senator Bob Graham

In his long and productive life, Nat Reed accomplished something that only a few people have done: He changed the way Florida is defined.

For most of its 173 years of statehood – before Nat Reed got involved – Florida was defined as a commodity. Many people saw it as a place of no particular value, one that could be altered at the will of the current owner.

If the desire was to build in wetlands, the bottomland could be filled to the desired elevation. If the goal was a marina, go ahead and

dredge and convert dry land into boat slips.

Commodity had so long been accepted as the definition of Florida that it was rarely disputed.

That is, until Nathaniel Pryor Reed became a Floridian.

He observed his adopted state through fresh eyes and seethed at what he saw. The commodity of the Everglades had been converted from the River of Grass to a Caribbean sugar farm. Lake Okeechobee had been transformed from a world class fishing hole to a polluted bog. He saw what had been ignored, what had been and what could be once more.

Nat Reed saw that Florida was not a commodity without distinguishing characteristics – but a treasure, distinct and singular, with all Floridians responsible to protect this treasure for all generations.

Nat Reed understood that he would have to add to his skill sets if he was to make a significant contribution to a new definition of Florida.

To convince mid-20th century Floridians of the treasure they inhabited and the obligation that imposed,



Senator Bob Graham presenting Nathaniel with the Bob Graham Center for Public Service's 2013 Citizen of the Year Award.

he would need to be an educator.

To secure the critical mass of Floridians to accept and commit to the definition of Florida as a treasure, he would need to be an organizer; to mobilize that expanded and engaged citizenry, he would need to provide political leadership.

Nat commenced the political transition from commodity to treasure through the Republican Party. In the mid-1960s, Republicans were distinctly the minority party in Florida. There

had not been a Republican Governor of Florida since 1877. Nat contributed to ending that drought in 1966 with the election of Claude Kirk, which led to his own designation as the Governor's environmental advisor. Governor Kirk's daughter Sarah recently said that "choosing Nat Reed was the smartest decision Dad made while in office."

Yet another aptitude Nat mastered was bipartisanship. He secured the confidence of a succession of Governors and legislators from both political parties

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Bob Graham is one of the most accomplished politicians in Florida's history. Graham was a public servant for nearly four decades at the local, state and national level. As first a state legislator, then Governor and finally a three-term U.S. Senator, Graham has had a role in nearly every major public policy issue in modern Florida's history. He went on to establish and lead The Bob Graham Center for Public Service at the University of Florida.



As chair of Florida's newly created Department of Air and Water Pollution Control (today's Department of Environmental Protection), Nathaniel convinced Governor Claude Kirk to block the creation of the new city of Islandia, which was to be created out of dredge and fill islands in Biscayne Bay.

A Force for Change continued

and largely avoided partisan waves in navigating the passage from community to treasure.

Nat Reed leaves us a legacy of achievements and aspirations:

- The restoration of America's Everglades.
- The establishment of the national model of water management.
- The preservation of millions of acres of natural land, habitat for countless species of bird, animal and marine life.
- One of America's most extensive and distinguished state park systems.

While Nat has left us that legacy, he has also left us a responsibility – to sustain the awareness of this special peninsula, restore the bipartisan political foundation critical to sustaining policies which deflect immediate personal gain in favor of the public benefit, and in so doing, make indelible the memory of Nathaniel Reed.



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Conservationist and Comprehensive Planner

by Jim Murley

athaniel Reed grew up in a family that shared a vision of a new town on a Florida barrier island that seamlessly integrated low-scale urban development into an incredible natural setting. Well before the words comprehensive planning and growth management were in vogue, the Reed family ensured that the Town of Jupiter Island developed in a way that respected the environment while at the same time accommodated residents who treasured their



1000 Friends of Florida's first director, Jim Murley, with board members Robert Davis, Nathaniel Reed, and Jim Apthorp at 1000 Friends of Florida's 1988 reception.

privacy and access to coastal beaches and estuaries.

They instinctively knew that barrier islands have a carrying capacity. A delicate balance had to be found that let critter habitat and natural drainage systems coexist with homes, golf courses and other human amenities. The historical fact that Jupiter Island could be reached from the Hobe Sound Florida East Coast Rail Road Station is emblematic of how transportation has been critical to development of the Florida peninsula.

The vision of the Reed family extended to insuring that priceless natural assets within the Town boundaries were set aside in perpetuity and managed by conservation professionals. Nathaniel helped arrange the gift of the Blowing Rocks Preserve from his family and others to The Nature Conservancy so that unique blend of coastal geology was protected and made accessible to appropriate public enjoyment and access.

The crown jewel was the family's gift of an entire beach, mangrove and barrier island ecosystem that became the Hobe Sound National Wildlife Refuge – now proposed to be named in Nathaniel's honor. Nathaniel's

value system was grounded in these experiences with town planning, respect for private property, civic engagement, philanthropic generosity, and of course, a love for all of Florida's unique natural systems.

When it came time for putting together 1000 Friends of Florida as an organization dedicated to sound development and protecting natural systems, all these values came into play.

Nathaniel sought legal counsel from Al Hadeed

in Gainesville on legal incorporation and composition of the Board.

Nathaniel wanted planners like Dr. John DeGrove, the father of Florida's growth management system, and fellow planner/academicians like Drs. Earl Starnes and Carl Feiss. He wanted the nationally recognized town founder of Seaside, Robert Davis. He wanted tested statewide politicians like former Governors Reubin Askew and Buddy MacKay, and Senate President Phil Lewis, Seminole Nation General Counsel Jim Shore, and environmentalists like Vicki Tschinkel to engage, debate and find balanced solutions that would insure that Florida could continue to grow while respecting our natural assets that supported our economic vitality.

He wanted the state's nationally recognized

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Jim Murley was the first Executive Director of 1000 Friends of Florida and is a former Secretary of the Florida Department of Community Affairs. He is now the Chief Resilience Officer for Miami-Dade County.

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Comprehensive Planning and Land Development Regulation Act to be enforced! He recognized and valued local home rule, but he insisted that regional water management needs and critical areas of statewide importance had to be considered when important local development decisions were being made. He insisted that good science and citizen input be part of developments that had regional impacts.

When elected officials at any level didn't listen, Nathaniel let them know that he was watching, and they could expect a letter to the editor that would expose any excesses and demand sound, transparent decision-making. When necessary, Nathaniel was not shy about going to court. He respected experienced litigators like Robert Parks, who chaired the organization's legal committee and picked the cases that could set important judicial precedent that would guide future growth management decisions. He particularly was proud of the 1000 Friends' in-house early general counsels, Steve Pfeiffer and Richard Grosso, who represented the public interest in legal venues throughout the state.

While Nathaniel appreciated the value of sound community planning, he was not satisfied that plans and regulations were always the ultimate insurance needed to protect Florida's natural systems. He welcomed his appointment by Governor Bob Martinez to co-chair the Commission on the Future of Florida's Environment that ultimately recommended a new statewide preservation program, Preservation 2000, that was to commit the state to decades of land conservation to complement the ongoing urban planning in Florida's communities. Governor Chiles appointed him Chair of the Florida's Greenway Commission that made recommendations to insure access to publicly owned natural areas and pathways for migrating animals.

In my years of working with Nathaniel, I saw him integrate his values with new concepts like sustainability and ecosystem management. While I never had a chance to discuss resilience with Nathaniel, I know that we would have comfortably assimilated these emerging concepts that recognize the vulnerabilities of our state and the tenacity of its citizens to find innovative ways forward. He would have only demanded one, consistent value that was the same one he lived by all his life: that we love Florida and leave a better urban and natural place where human and natural systems can adapt to changing conditions.



1000 Friends of Florida's Board of Directors in the fall of 1988. Standing from left: Jack Wilson, Harry Adley, Stanley Hole, Nathaniel Reed, Jerry Sokolow, John DeGrove, Senator Phil Lewis. Seated: Lenore McCullough, Mary Kumpe, Carol Rist, Ane Deister, and Vicki Tschinkel.

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A Friend of Florida

by Tim Jackson

s a board member of 1000 Friends of Florida, I came to know Nathaniel Reed as a tireless champion for future generations of Floridians. including his own children and grandchildren. In our interactions at board meetings, he shared stories of his family - and his hope and dream to keep Florida special, not just for them, but for a growing diverse population across this great state.



Nathaniel receives 1000 Friends' Sadowski Award from Tim Jackson, Jean Sadowski, Allen Watts, Charles Pattison and Bob Butterworth at 1000 Friends' 2002 award ceremony in Tallahassee.

My first introduction to Nathaniel was a telephone interview to be considered as a new member of the board in 1994. I was first impressed by the booming voice on the other end of the line, a voice we all fondly remember. And over the past 24 years, I grew to be impressed by his positive encouragement, intellectual leadership, respectful attitude, and energetic approach to face our state's biggest growth management challenges.

Nathaniel's commitment to 1000 Friends and its ideals never wavered – even through our organization's most challenging times. During the Great Recession, it was Nathaniel's steady hand and wise counsel that brought us through. In 2006, he encouraged us to create a vision for Florida in the year 2060 as an alternative to the trending loss of natural lands to low-density sprawling development. Florida 2060 served as a wake-up call to all Floridians. I believe the awareness created by this project was one important foundation that led to the successful vote on Amendment 1.

Nathaniel knew the importance of informing and empowering all citizens to shape the future of Florida. He insisted the efforts of 1000 Friends be focused on supporting grass-roots citizens' groups and individual citizens to have a say with their elected officials in decisions about land use

and about environmental protection. While Nathaniel definitely knew how to rally those with influence, he was also proud to "give a voice to the little guy" and to take on the establishment through the efforts of 1000 Friends.

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Nathaniel was a passionate and outspoken advocate for conserving land, managing growth and restoring his beloved Everglades.

A Friend of Florida continued

I am fortunate to have been a friend of Nathaniel Reed. And the grandchildren of future generations are fortunate to have had Nathaniel Reed as a friend of Florida.

Tim Jackson is Chairman of the Board of 1000 Friends of Florida and has been involved professionally in growth management for over 35 years. This year he was named by Florida Trend to its Florida 500 list of top state leaders.

Transcending Politics

by Senate President Joe Negron

lorida has lost a great champion for our environ-I ment. My friend and constituent Nathaniel Reed was a resolute force of nature who devoted his life to protecting our environment. His passion left an invaluable mark on my local community, our state, and our nation.

A national advocate for funding and policy changes needed to protect and preserve the pristine natural beauty of Florida as well as other natural wonders across the country, his love of our environment transcended

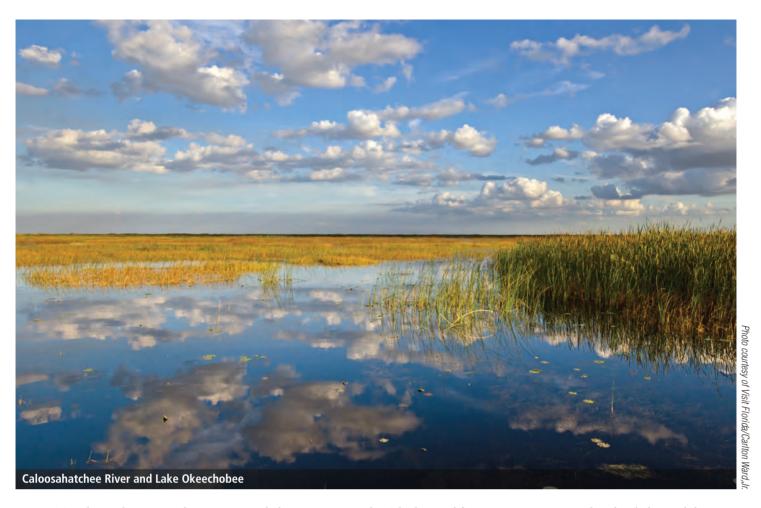
politics as he served as an advisor to U.S. Presidents, Florida Governors and countless other elected officials on both sides of the political aisle.

I will personally never forget his unwavering support for the Senate Bill 10 Everglades Agricultural Area Southern Reservoir and his lifelong commitment to

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The Reed family and others donated land that became the Blowing Rocks Preserve.



Recognizing the need to protect the greater Everglades ecosystem, Nathaniel advocated for measures to restore Lake Okeechobee and the Caloosahatchee River.

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Everglades restoration.

Here in Hobe Sound, Mr. Reed and his family are also remembered for their critical role in the founding of Jupiter Island. He loved Hobe Sound and Martin County.

Mr. Reed worked so hard to ensure future generations of Floridians can enjoy the same quality of life we experienced as young children swimming and fishing in our local beaches and waterways. His prominent standing in the modern history of Florida is secure and irreplaceable.



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Joe Negron, a Republican from Martin County, was elected president of the Florida Senate in November 2016. He has represented the Treasure Coast in the Florida Legislature for more than a dozen years.



A Wise Man Worthy of Attention

by Julie Hauserman

I was a Yankee just out of college when I landed on the Treasure Coast from Ohio to work for the Stuart News. I had never been to Florida before my job interview, and I was ill-prepared when the small-town paper suddenly assigned me to the environment beat when the reporter who was doing it left for another job.

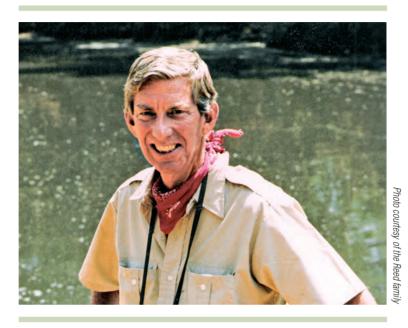
I'd never seen a palm tree before, or anything like the sea turtles that wallowed around the dock

near my rented bungalow on the Indian River – a clear, wide and magical waterway that was nothing like the churning brown rivers up north.

"You ought to call Nat Reed," one of the editors told me. I was clueless. They explained to me that Nat was a Big Deal; that he'd been Assistant Secretary of the Interior under Richard Nixon. Nixon? I thought – Jeez. Not sure I want to talk to that guy. I was a big fan of the Washington Post's Woodward and Bernstein and a daughter of Democrats. But I had orders, so I called Nat down in Jupiter Island.

To my surprise, he took my call, and began to talk in that distinctive sonorous tone of his, explaining things, holding forth on the inadequacies of state environmental policies, about the needs of the natural systems at risk. My pen blurred in my hand as I struggled to get down every word. This is a wise man, I thought. Pay attention.

For the next couple of years, I reported and wrote about Nat as he served as a board member of the South Florida Water Management District. He was patient as he taught about the nature of the environment in Florida that he loved so well. He was so, so serious. But when the work was done he had that wide smile and big laugh, and always tried to nudge us all – reporters, staffers,

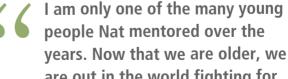


advocates - to do more of what mattered, to ask more questions, to fight harder against greedy forces that sought to mistreat Florida for their own gain. I am only one of the many young people Nat mentored over the vears. Now that we are older, we are out in the world fighting for Florida as he hoped we would.

Nat's service on the water manage-

ment district was a vitally important, mind-numbingly complex and thankless task. He was a man of means who didn't need to do it. But he was a person of great intellect and a sense of responsibility. I would quietly thrill when, at the end of some long presentation on the Next Big Thing in plumbing or re-plumbing the Everglades and Lake Okeechobee, Nat would signal that he would like to speak.

He'd lean forward, often close his eyes, and the words continued on page 14



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Opposed to the construction of the massive Florida Jetport adjacent to Everglades National Park, Nathaniel worked with Governor Kirk and later President Nixon to halt the project and secure funding to create the Big Cypress National Preserve, an area larger than the state of Rhode Island.

A Wise Man Worthy continued

would come out like great oratory. He would cut to the heart of things. He would dismiss the superfluous. And he would advocate for the thing that helped the environment over all else. I thought: Pay attention.

Nat and I stayed in touch when I moved on from the little Stuart paper to write elsewhere. I quit my newspaper job in Tallahassee in the early 1990s and went to work for 1000 Friends of Florida, whose president at the time was Jim Murley.

Nat's ethos, along with that of John DeGrove, was our guide. To say the battle over the go-go-go developers of the late 1980s and early 1990s was fierce is an understatement. People who advocated for managed growth were ridiculed. They tried to sideline us and outwit us in the state Legislature.

Nat was our standard-bearer, and he patiently argued that Florida obviously didn't have to work to attract people – people were coming at high rates, drawn by sun and low taxes. Our job, then, was to make sure that the influx didn't wreck the very place people came here to enjoy. During those years, I worked closely with Nat on communicating this message, on choosing the right words to wake people up. He was a gracious messenger, accepting frequent invitations to address

gatherings, meet with state leaders, and educate the media. Growth management is the kind of thing you have to keep teaching; most people don't pay attention to it until a strip mall or limestone mine pops up near their house. At which point they are very, very interested.

Nat knew that. He was always ready to spring to action at the teachable moment. He'd stride into some community meeting, tower over the lectern, close his eyes, and begin. He knew not to hurry his words, he knew not to patronize. He was thoughtful, gracious and steadfast. Leadership can be a mysterious thing; it's hard to know why some people are willing to stand up for principle and some aren't.

We are so very lucky that Nat Reed stepped up.

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Florida's Wilderness Warrior

by Maggy Hurchalla

Maggy Hurchalla delivered the following tribute to Nathaniel Reed in 2012:

Like the Everglades, there is no other Nathaniel. I won't take up your time by telling you all the jobs that Nat has had. I do want to touch on what he's done and how he's done it. It is about a lifetime of public service.

The great thing about growing old is that in grim times you can look back on good things that have happened. Nat has had a major role in everything

good that has happened in Florida's environment in the last half century. He is Florida's own wilderness warrior. We have shared him with the nation. Snail darters and polar bears have benefitted, but mostly he is ours.

In Florida, we've gone from dumping raw sewage into our waterways to cleaning it up and recycling it. We've gone from giving away public lands to acquiring 2 million acres of irreplaceable wilderness.

We've gone from an Everglades on fire to the best and boldest wetland restoration ever proposed anywhere.

We've gone from dredging and filling mangrove swamps to recognizing that we should have no net loss of wetlands.

We've gone from channelizing the Kissimmee to unchannelizing it.

We've gone from draining the swamps and giving away our water resources, to the best water law in the country.



Maggy Hurchalla and Nathaniel Reed in 2014, with Finn Adornato Bogardus.

We've gone from encouraging swamp peddlers and land sales fraud to the best growth management law in America.

And before you mention that we seem to be backsliding, Nat can tell you that none of those things were easy. You push the rock up the hill and it rolls down on you half a dozen times before you get it over the top.

It takes unusual courage and perseverance to keep at it. Nat handles that in two ways depending on how he feels that

day. Usually he responds that "This too shall pass," and sets out to make it pass.

On bad days he declares, "Thank God I'll be dead then."

Along with what he has done, the how of it is just as impressive. Nat is one of the world's great public speakers. He can make you laugh and he can make you cry. Ask him about the polar bears.

He makes sure he knows everything. Nat is the most "briefed" person I know. He calls in experts and demands to know everything about the issue he wants to do something about. This is surprising since Nat tells us that he was a very poor student at Trinity College. He claims that until he quit going hunting and fishing every

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As Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Fish, Wildlife and National Parks under Presidents Richard Nixon and Gerald Ford, Nathaniel played a key role in the drafting and passage of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, which protected the iconic Florida panther among many other species.

Florida's Wilderness Warrior continued

weekend and hired a tutor, his academic record was uninspiring.

But that is a very big part of what has made him a great warrior – his absolute passion for the wilderness – whether he is chasing cheetahs in Africa or fly-fishing in far off places. If you want to save the world, you have to love it. Otherwise the job is too daunting.

I am personally awed by Nat's energy. I don't see how he can clean the duck pond on the Jupiter Island golf course at 5 a.m. and do all the other things he does.

With the energy and passion goes a flamboyance that helps keep us all going. Faced with emergency surgery for a possibly life-threatening aneurysm last year, Nat sent out an email saying that before surgery, "I insisted on attending the 60th anniversary celebration of the creation of the Nature Conservancy in Washington – a splendid occasion!"

No one does enthusiasm better than Nat. No one does righteous indignation better. While selfrighteousness can be more of a sin than a virtue, there are some things that deserve rightful wrath. Nat applies it splendidly.

One of his greatest virtues is Alita. Imagine a large undisciplined puppy without anyone to ground him or question him.

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I could go on, but it's more fun listening to Nat. I would leave him with this message from all of us. It's a phrase I hear from strangers when I'm walking with my sister: "Thank you for your service."

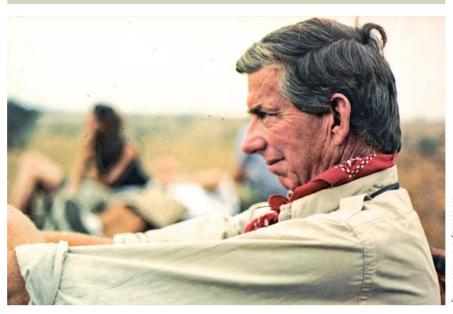
Maggy Hurchalla is a former Martin County Commissioner, a longtime environmental activist, and the sister of Janet Reno, the first female Attorney General of the United States.

Classic Nat Reed Assistance

by Bob Rhodes

My relationship with Nat Reed spanned many decades and personal milestones.

In the early '70s, our small group of state government planners and scientists had just completed a set of controversial, emotion-packed public hearings on the boundaries for the first area of



significant initial step to preserve the Everglades, the various agencies were not well coordinated and seemingly siloed. Nat was instrumental in helping the federal government engage, take the lead, and coordinate approaches with the state and

benefits as a

critical state concern, the Big Cypress Swamp. I received a cold call from Nat Reed. I had not yet met Nat but of course knew about his role in Washington and his accomplishments in our state. We needed a boost, and Nat's enthusiastic support and confidence buoyed our spirits and fueled our commitment to the mission. Nat later effectively promoted our work on the Green Swamp and Keys critical areas personally and through several organizations.

In the mid-80s, Nat was an invaluable member of the second ELMS [Environmental Land Management Study] Committee, which crafted the framework for the 1985 planning and growth management act. I knew that when Nat shut his eyes and tilted his head back and John De Grove began his remarks with, "Now, Bob," we needed more discussion and consensus building. Nat's steady hand, sense of the big picture and practical insights provided much appreciated support for me as chairman and greatly contributed to our effort.

In the late 90s, the St. Joe Company offered to sell its South Florida Talisman sugar lands to government authorities. The potential sale was contentious with many moving parts and several private and public players. Although the land offered clear, positive

regional water management district and St. Joe. He contributed classic Nat Reed assistance, knocking some heads, helping set practical expectations and insisting on strong performance and outcomes. He deserves much credit for facilitating this important contribution to Everglades preservation.

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Nat's passion for environmental policy and sound planning was informed by a keen sense of business realities, which enabled him to advocate and problem solve in a truly unique way.



Nathaniel's tremendous legacy included playing a role in the acquisition of 22 new state parks and wilderness areas, including the Fakahatchee Strand State Park.

Classic Nat Reed Assistance continued

Following the Talisman sale, Nat was delighted when St. Joe hired Nature Conservancy veteran George Willson to head our conservation land sales program. George excelled in his work for the company with Nat's support and blessing.

Nat's passion for environmental policy and sound planning was informed by a keen sense of business realities, which enabled him to advocate and problem solve in a truly unique way. He believed one could do well and do good.

I, like many others, will miss his counsel, friendship and unique sense of true north.

Bob Rhodes administered Florida's growth management program and chaired the ELMS II Committee. He served as The St. Joe Company's executive vice president and general counsel and held similar positions with Arvida Corporation and the Disney Development Company. Bob practiced law with Steel Hector and Davis and Foley and Lardner, LLP, and lives in Jacksonville.



Keeping Jupiter Island Beautiful

by Whitney Pidot

ome 70 years ago, a young teenager, fishing on the shores of a Florida barrier island, was struck by the beauty of the unspoiled surrounding environment, inspiring him to dedicate a lifetime to conservation and preservation. He followed in the footsteps of his parents, who had spearheaded the acquisition of that island, the creation of a local community and eventually its incorporation into



Whitney Pidot on Jupiter Island.

the Town of Jupiter Island. They also were responsible for putting large portions of the island and the mainland shoreline into perpetual conservancy.

This little island community served as the microcosmic petri dish that gave rise to one of the country's foremost environmentalists - Nathaniel Reed.

Nathaniel's passion for conservation and his many notable environmental contributions across the state of Florida and the entire nation have been well-covered in the press. Less publicized was his everlasting love and concern for the preservation of the natural beauty of our little island. As a grown man, he could be seen wading waist-deep into ponds on the golf course to replace dying lily pads. This passion continued to the last months of his life.

A brief, true, recent experience that I, as mayor, had with Nathaniel offers a telling snapshot. Decades ago, his mother planted an allée of ficus trees on Bridge Road,

which have grown to create a beautiful green tunnel-like gateway to the island. Hurricane Irma had made a mess of it, felling tall neighboring pines across the way. Nathaniel confronted me fervently one day with explicit instructions for restoration and replanting the area abutting the ficus trees. In speaking with me about it, his eyes focused on mine with stern intensity, and as he ended.

with even more impactful effect, he closed his eyes for his last few words, almost as if in prayer. He then thanked

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As a grown man, he could be seen wading waist-deep into ponds on the golf course to replace dying lily pads. This passion continued to the last months of his life.



Nathaniel was passionate about protecting and enhancing the natural beauty of his beloved Hobe Sound, including the ficus allée on Bridge Road planted by his mother, Permelia.

Keeping Jupiter Island Beautiful continued

me and embraced me with an unforgettable, big, paternal bear hug.

We have implemented his suggestions with wonderful results for the Town's green gateway. I can only imagine what sage horticultural advice Nathaniel may also have offered St. Peter as he recently passed through that pearly gateway.

We all miss you, Nathaniel. Paraphrasing a wish expressed by author/columnist Carl Hiassen, as reported by the New York Times, we can only hope that somewhere out there today there is another young teenager, enjoying fishing in the shallow Florida waters, who is similarly inspired by its beauty to dedicate his life's pursuits to continuing Nathaniel's good works for the future betterment of all.

Passionate Protector of Florida's Land and Water

by Lester Abberger

Lester Abberger delivered this speech before presenting Nathaniel Reed with the LeRoy Collins Lifetime Achievement at a meeting of Leadership Florida in Sarasota in December 2006:

They say we live in an age of cynicism and despair ... a time when good people do nothing because they say nothing can be done.

They say one person can't make a difference any longer ... Nathaniel P. Reed has made a difference.

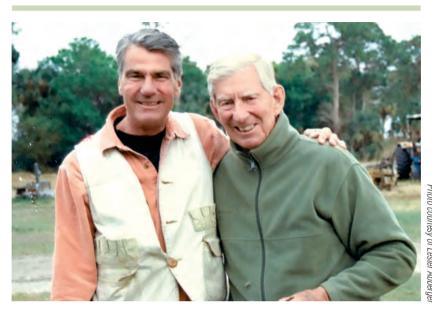
They say there are no more heroes ... Nathaniel P. Reed is my hero.

Public servant, steward of Florida's environment, founder of 1000 Friends of Florida, consummate host, devoted husband and father, cultivator of mangos and gardenias, world-class fly fisherman, diarist, enlightened real estate developer, talented amateur architect and landscape designer, persuasive public speaker, gifted writer, trusted counselor to Florida's governors, guardian of the Everglades, jeep driver and wingshot, visionary thinker, lover of all things Florida.

The range and depth of his interests and passions are truly Jeffersonian.

Nathaniel P. Reed epitomizes the exemplary ethos of a love for our state, leadership, integrity, courage and community service that Leadership Florida seeks to instill in its members.

As a passionate protector of Florida's land and water, Mr. Reed speaks truth to power, and has contributed the enormous value of his knowledge, experience and judgment as a board member and officer of the National Audubon Society, the Nature Conservancy, American Rivers, the National Parks and Conservation Association,



Lester Abberger and Nathaniel Reed on their annual quail shooting adventure at the High Point Club in west Martin County.

the Everglades
Foundation, the
Natural Resources
Defense Council,
the South Florida
Water
Management
District, 1000
Friends of Florida
... to mention
only a few.

Friends speak of his imperishable good manners and describe him as insatiably curious and as a powerful and habitual explainer. He is,

as Bob Graham told me, "a force of nature who is a force for nature."

In the past, the Leadership Florida LeRoy Collins Lifetime Achievement Award has recognized Florida's most exceptional business and political leaders. Mr. Reed

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Senator Bob Graham aptly described Nathaniel to Lester Abberger as "a force of nature who is a force for nature."

Passionate Protector continued

easily meets these tests, but with another, perhaps more important dimension: He has made Florida a better place because of his lifelong commitment to exemplary, voluntary community service and leadership.

By honoring Mr. Reed, we affirm and honor the values of Leadership Florida, and of its members who contributed their time and talents to voluntary service in their communities and in our state.

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It is an honor to present the LeRoy Collins Lifetime Achievement Award to Nathaniel P. Reed.

Lester Abberger is past chairman of 1000 Friends of Florida, and past chairman of Leadership Florida. He is an investment banker and lobbyist who serves or has served on the boards of a number of public, private, charitable, and cultural concerns.

NPR: Front and Center in Protecting the Nation's Environment

by Victoria Tschinkel

s director of the Florida Department of Environmental Regulation, of course I had heard of Nathaniel Reed and his passion for the environment. But his presence commandeered my office very suddenly. Belva Schmalfuss came in with an engraved envelope, clearly an invitation to a royal reception. I gently removed the thick, starched card. It said: "Victoria, Do Something about Lake



1000 Friends of Florida board members Buddy Mackay, Mary Kumpe and Vicki Tschinkel in 1992.

Okeechobee." It was signed NPR. I knew it had nothing to do with the radio station.

This is our 1000 Friends of Florida tribute to Nathaniel, but I thought I might remind everyone that while his efforts certainly showed in Florida, he had vast results nationally and internationally. The entire natural world is far better off because of his wide-ranging vigorous and passionate life's work.

Of all the issues I have worked on, the termination of the Cross Florida Barge Canal was the most fun. Because I got to arrive at the end when our forces were a welloiled machine, the opposition was fatally weakened and the Corps of Engineers' version of the last pathetic Environmental Impact Statement was actually hilarious to read. Not so at the beginning.

Nathaniel arrived on the scene in the mid-1960s just as the wonderful Marjorie Carr had gotten the beginning of the opposition organized. The rigged hearing in Tallahassee in which our then-Secretary of State Tom Adams celebrated openly with the pro's and roundly castigated the anti's was the catalyst that brought

from around the state to the position of permanent, sworn and enthusiastic opposition. Marjorie started the Florida Defenders of the Environment and was the Valkyrie leader of the movement. But, Nathaniel was the behind-the-scenes actor ... although not so behindthe-scenes that he was not subject to

environmentalists

many hostile news articles.

For reasons unknown to me, he was a key supporter of the first Republican Governor of Florida since Reconstruction, Claude Kirk. Kirk, although from Jacksonville, immediately became incensed at the ridiculous design of a canal which, to be made feasibly economic, had to be narrowed so as to be useless to any seagoing barge. Nathaniel taught him about the wild Ocklawaha River and the catastrophe to occur should the Floridan Aquifer be breached and bifurcated. Just in the nick of time, in 1969, the National Environmental Policy Act passed and the Environmental Defense Fund went

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Victoria Tschinkel is vice chairman of 1000 Friends of Florida, a member of the Florida Conservation Coalition's steering committee and former Secretary of the Florida Department of Environmental Regulation.

NPR: Front and Center continued

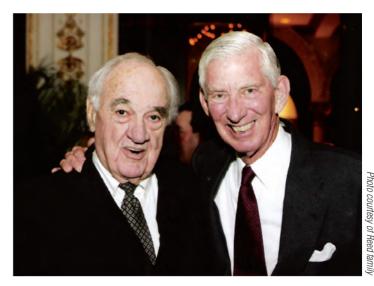
straight to court to get an injunction against the Corps because no environmental impact statement had been prepared.

In 1971, Nathaniel was urgently summoned to the Nixon White House to convince the President to permanently halt construction on the North Florida Barge Canal. The President listened and issued an executive order doing so, citing damage to the Ocklawaha River as the reason, with the everlasting consequence in how so-called public works projects are chosen and evaluated. Phony economics and disregard for environmental effects would no longer be tolerated.

Shortly after President Nixon took office, Nathaniel arrived to take up office in Washington as the Assistant Secretary for Fish, Wildlife and Parks. The President said he had no time for the environment himself, but he wanted to make his reputation as its protector. All Nathaniel had to do was to clear things with the Secretary of the Interior and White House Staff (H.R. Haldeman!). Nathaniel ensured that many unique areas around our country became permanently saved. But he was also front and center for many of the innovative and positive changes to the laws on environmental protection created at that time.

Although there existed an older Endangered Species Act, it had no prospective approach, no concept of trying to help animals or plants before they were in immediate danger of extinction. The addition of threatened species and the actual governmental review process, which became Section 7 of the Act, brought it the power it contains today. Nathaniel Reed was the designated administration leader for this effort and the negotiator as various proposals became reconciled with the ones from Congress. The ESA is perhaps the most essential and necessary federal conservation law, with its focus on habitat protection. We can see today how temporary these things are. The act of 1973 is unbelievably strong and effective. So strong that now, 45 years later, there is a vigorous attempt to vitiate the ESA back to its enfeebled 1960s version. It is now our job to carry on Nathaniel's legacy and make sure that does not happen.

Over the years, Nathaniel changed "Victoria" to "Big Red" – I presume a term of affection. I joined his efforts in regulating air and water pollution, in straightening



Governor Claude Kirk and Nathaniel re-unite before Kirk's passing in 2011.

out the Kissimmee River, in testifying against the Barge Canal, in devoting years to 1000 Friends of Florida, an organization Nathaniel co-founded, and then to the formation of the Florida Conservation Coalition. He became part of my conscience and the constant voice questioning whether I was doing enough. In fact, the last time I saw him in person, he looked at me and hugged me and said, "We sure accomplished a lot together." I'm glad he thought so. Along with so many others, I will continue to heed that stentorian voice, and do my best.



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Battling for What Sustains Us

by Wolcott Henry

Tt is easy to learn the public stories of Nathaniel Reed - he was an early dedicated advocate for our nation's natural resource legacy. My earliest memories of Nat date to my childhood, when I was fortunate enough to come down to Jupiter Island with my family on a regular basis. Even though

public service



Nathaniel in his beloved Everglades.

regularly took him away, it was always to Jupiter Island that he returned in season.

It was in the mid-1980s, when we were first setting the strategy for the Curtis and Edith Munson Foundation, that I first sought out his advice and counsel. As expected, I found Nat to be a great source for information on South Florida environmental issues. Being the overscheduled person that he was, I was lucky to grab him for an occasional lunch or meeting in his office. It was time well spent.

We shared an admiration for Teddy Roosevelt's protection of our national treasures. We shared a belief that how and where Florida permitted development affected all of us and future generations. We shared a deep affection for Florida and an equally deep concern about her future if the abundance of her natural resources failed to be protected and restored. He helped me understand that giving my time and advice was as important – leading me to join boards and advisory boards for the next 30 years. And he taught me to truly

appreciate the River of Grass, for which he had already fought long and hard.

Every so often, I would get a note from Nat about a pet project he wanted me to help find financial support for – sometimes it was an organization and sometimes it was an event. Other times, there were political candidates he thought were

worth my backing. He always seemed to know the key details about finance, effectiveness, and impact that helped give the request more weight. But let's face it: It came from Nat Reed – how could I, or anyone, say no?

One day over lunch, he mentioned a group he had started called 1000 Friends of Florida modeled after 1000 Friends of Oregon. Its focus was growth management, an area underfunded and often neglected in these parts. We

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Wolcott Henry is president and chair of The Curtis and Edith Munson Foundation and The Henry Foundation, both of which support conservation projects in South Florida. He has served as a director and advisor of numerous conservation organizations, including the World Wildlife Fund and The Ocean Conservancy.





An avid outdoorsman himself, Nathaniel was instrumental in envisioning and securing passage of key land and water conservation programs, including Preservation 2000 and Florida Greenways, so all can enjoy Florida's natural beauty.

Battling for What Sustains Us continued

have been supporting the group and its vital mission ever since.

He said once that he was done in his formal roles, but that he was going to go on doing what he could when he could until he "crossed the river." We can only hope that all of us have Nat's energy and the passion to carry us all into battle on behalf of what sustains us – it is probably the legacy he would hold most dear.



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The Guardian of Florida's Quality of Life

by Marshall Field V

Ifirst met Nathaniel in the '50s when he arrived at Deerfield Academy to teach. I was a student then. Fortunately for him, he didn't have to teach me. When we met at Deerfield, it wasn't long before we discovered we both had a passion for fishing. Whenever I was on Jupiter Island visiting my father, Nat would take me under his wing and teach me where to fish in the inland waterway.

I really didn't spend much time with Nat until 2007. Life had taken us in different directions. That was going to end. Nathaniel knew I was big on the environment. So, he was kind enough to invite me to join the board of the Everglades Foundation. Our common goal, to save the Everglades, threw us together a lot.

During the ensuing years, I learned what a truly dedicated man Nat was. We traveled all over Florida together. During these jaunts, it slowly dawned on me how broad Nathaniel's knowledge of Florida was. In fact, I realized he knew Florida and its history better than anyone I ever met.

Nathaniel fought so many battles to prevent developers and politicians from ruining this state that there isn't room to list them. We wouldn't have the quality of life in Florida we now enjoy.

My hope is that all of us try to emulate Nat's example, and maybe, just maybe, we can continue to keep Florida the way Nathaniel would have wanted.



Marshall Field V enjoying nature on Canada's Ristigouche River in July 2015.



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Marshall Field V is the fifth generation of a Chicago family whose activities have included merchandising, real estate, publishing, communications and civic affairs. Active in various conservation organizations, he was elected Chairman of the Everglades Foundation in 2014.

A Fish Story

by Charlie Causey

irst, let me say – without repeating all of the details of Nat Reed's record with two Presidents of the United States and six Governors of Florida - that both governments owe and will continue to owe Nat for his lifetime of service. His accomplishments in authoring and enabling both the Endangered Species Act and the Clean Water Act are monumental.

As most people know, Nat was also an excellent fly rod

fisherman. One of his fishing adventures was published in a national fly fishing magazine. I will tell that story from a different perspective.

About 20 years ago, I invited Nat down to Islamorada in the Florida Keys for a few days of bone fishing with me and my friend and guide Eddie Wightman. Nat had caught many bonefish on fly rod, but not a huge one, which he wanted to do very much. Fishing with Eddie upped that possibility.

We had fished two days, catching a number of large six- to eight-pound bonefish, but nothing really huge. On our last day we fished by Lignumvitae Key, a beautiful 280-acre island within a half mile of U.S. Route 1.

As we fished, Nat told us a story of how the island was almost developed with condos replacing the hardwood hammocks and deer that lived on Lignumvitae Key at that time. Knowing it was a special place and would be developed, Nat, as Assistant Secretary of the U.S. Department of the Interior, went to President



Charlie Causey and Nat Reed – and a bonefish – on a 1998 fishing trip.

Nixon. After a very detailed presentation, he got Nixon's OK to buy Lignumvitae Key; he did and made it a National Preserve.

Shortly after hearing Nat's Lignumvitae rescue story, Eddie spotted a huge bonefish. Nat made a great cast and hooked the fish. After an exhilarating and expert 45-minute fight, Nat had his monster bonefish. Eddie held it up for us. Yes, it was

huge, in the 13- to 15-pound world record class – mission accomplished. A picture of Eddie, Nat and his monster followed.

At the moment of releasing the fish back into the water, I thought of Nat's saving that beautiful island,



. . . perhaps God was saying to you, 'Nat, you saved this beautiful island for all to enjoy forever as a National Preserve. I'm now rewarding you with this huge bonefish that you wanted to catch so much.



Nathaniel left a lasting legacy from which all will benefit for generations to come.

Lignumvitae, back in the 70s. I said "Nat, it occurs to me that perhaps God was saying to you, 'Nat, you saved this beautiful island for all to enjoy forever as a National Preserve. I'm now rewarding you with this huge bonefish that you wanted to catch so much."

It was a rare moment for the three of us and we realized how all of it – the huge bonefish catch, Nat's story on saving Lignumvitae Key, our day on the water together – was such a rewarding, special and never to be forgotten experience.

Good fishing up there, Nat. You've earned it.

Charles Causey retired from investment banking in New York and Los Angeles in 1980 and moved to the Florida Keys. He and Nathaniel Reed met three decades ago as leaders in several environmental and conservation organizations.



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After Nathaniel Reed's passing, a number of friends and admirers chose to share brief tributes with us. Here are a few excerpts:

Florida has lost its environmental icon.

~ Harvey Hathaway, Juno Beach

Personally, I thought Nat should run for governor - but his specialty was giving good advice to governors - every one of them in the last 50 years.

~ Martha L. Musgrove, West Palm Beach

Nathaniel Reed was a prince of a friend.

~ David Pearson. Coral Gables

Nat was ever the mentor and prompter of action. ... Diplomatic till the end, he set a high standard for engaging those whose positions needed to change in order to effect change.

~ Craig Diamond, Tallahassee

Nathaniel Reed has done so much for our great state in protecting our fragile lands. He will surely be missed.

~ Patty Stichnoth, North Palm Beach

Nathaniel Reed was a great champion for all wildlife and an amazing human being.

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