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## **ALBERT WILKES**



Albert Wilkes, 79, of Callahan, passed away peacefully April 1, 2024, at Community Hospice George and Margaret Morris Center for Caring in Jacksonville. He was born April 27, 1944, in Geneva, Alabama to the late George Clifton Wilkes and May

Belle Kirkland Wilkes. Albert was a member of the Church of Hope in Jacksonville, where he loved attending services and worshiping his Lord and Savior. Albert's career for the majority of his life was in the trucking industry. He spent many, many of days on the road. Albert had a fun, outgoing personality and was the life of the party. He loved to eat and throwing something good to eat on the grill for him and his family was something Albert enjoyed. Albert also enjoyed vacationing, riding 4-wheelers, fishing, watching NASCAR on television or attending the races when he was able, hula hooping, and relaxing on the swing on his back porch enjoying a cup of coffee or a RC Cola and peanuts or a moon pie. Albert's family would like to give a heartfelt thank you to the Hospice and Palliative staff for their support, sympathy and their gestures of love during such a difficult time. He was preceded in death by his parents; son Johnny Wilkes; daughters Pamela Wilkes and Patricia Hutchinson; previous wife Charlene Dell Wilkes; and several brothers and sisters.

Albert is survived by his loving wife of 20 years, Deborah Allen Wilkes; children Levada (Dean) Duggar and Albert (Laura) Wilkes, Jr.; stepchildren Thomas (Cheryl) Lee Wilkes, Margaret Virginia Jenkins and Ashley (James) Chappell; grandchildren James Ryan Hodges, Jason Ronald (Renee) Wilkes and Destiny Chappell; sisters Murl (Pete) Gilner and Ruby (Mike) Wagoner; and many other grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nephews, nieces, other extended family members and his fur baby Bullett.

A celebration of Albert's life was held Tuesday, April 9 at Nassau Funeral Home with Pastor Danny Baggett officiating. The family received friends Monday, April 8 at the funeral home. Interment followed at Green Pine Cemetery.

Arrangements under the direction of Nassau Funeral Home, Callahan, 904-879-1770.

Visit www.nassaufh.com to sign the family's guest book.