

EDWARD HAROLD KELLY



Edward 'Harold' Kelly, 81, of Callahan, entered the presence of Jesus March 18, 2024. He was born November 12, 1942 in High Springs, Florida, to the late Alonzie Kelly and Evelyn Corrie O'Steen. He married the love of his life, Barbara Jackson, and they would have celebrated 60 years of marriage in May.

He graduated from Technical High School and Lake City Community College, attended Florida Community College of Jacksonville, and received his Law Enforcement Certification. Harold was a Bailiff in the Duval County Traffic Court; a Nassau County Reserve Deputy; and a Police Officer with the Jacksonville Aviation Authority, with 22 years of service. In 2017, he received Volunteer of the Year with NCSO.

Harold had many great qualities. He loved his family dearly, he was passionate about his Lord, and was a dedicated, hard-working employee. He loved being a police officer, always willing to go the extra mile to help someone. He was kind, compassionate and had a caring heart. He would always have a sincere, kind word to say, and would continually tell people 'God Bless You.' He enjoyed fishing and loved playing and coaching softball. He played men's church league softball and he coached his daughter's softball teams for many years. He also loved the Florida State Seminoles, especially during the Bobby Bowden era, and would always watch a football game any chance he could. In addition to his parents; he was preceded in death by his sister Dot McKenzie; and brothers Donald and John.

Harold is survived by his wife Barbara; daughters Donna (Mark) Sizemore and Karen (Raymond) Pace; two grandchildren Jessica Sizemore and Raymond Pace, Jr.; siblings Bryan, Howard (Patti), Evone Hutchinson, Alton (Denise), Lora (Johnny) Brewer and Ronnie (Rose); brothers-in-law Steve (Wendy) Jackson and Johnnie Jackson; sisters-in-law Bunny Kelly, Carol Kelly, Mary Rowell and Sandy Jones; and a host of extended family members and numerous friends.

The family will receive friends at 10 a.m. Thursday, March 21 at Callahan First Baptist Church prior to the celebration of life service at 11 a.m., with Dr. Lynn Hyatt officiating. Interment will follow at Jones Cemetery, Callahan.

Arrangements by Peeples Family Funeral Homes. Condolences may be expressed at: www.pffh.com.