

FRANKLIN HARPER, JR.



Franklin “Frankie” Delorice Harper, Jr., 65, of Jacksonville, passed away peacefully December 31, 2023 in his home. He was born September 15, 1958 to the late Franklin Harper, Sr. and Glenda Wyatt Freeland Harper in Jacksonville. Frankie grew up in the Pickettville community of Jacksonville, which is where he met Deborah in the early 1980’s through a mutual friend. They married in November 1988. He was a devoted and loyal employee of Callahan Recycling for many years. Frankie also spent some years employed by Asplundh Tree Expert Company as a Crew Leader. When Frankie wasn’t working, he could be found at the mud bogs, watching the Florida Gators or relaxing, listening to some old southern rock such as Lynyrd Skynyrd. He also enjoyed spending time with his best friend and bulldog, Blue, “You’re my boy blue.” Frankie was preceded in death by his parents; and sister Pam Henderson.

Frankie leaves behind his wife Deborah Harper; children Heather, Jimbo (Destiny), Melissa (James), Chrystal Batten and Shaunna (Mark) Davis; sister Cindy (Rick) Craven; grandchildren Skylar, Michael, Russell, Brianna, Shayna, Zach, Bailey, Ashlyn and Chase; great-grandchildren Braelyn and Bowen.

A memorial service for Frankie was held Saturday, January 6 at Nassau Funeral Home with Dawson Blackshear officiating. In lieu of flowers, please make donations to The American Heart Association www.heart.org.

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

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