

JAMES LEROY TURNER



James “Jim” LeRoy Turner, 74, of Callahan, peacefully passed away December 10, 2023 at his home. He was born October 27, 1949 in Peoria, Illinois. Jim will be remembered as a man of integrity, love and dedication. Jim found joy in connecting with people, cherishing the relationships he built with his customers, the devoted crew that supported his endeavors as well as all the other small businesses that supported him. He was known for giving second chances. Jim was a cheerleader for anyone challenged by life’s struggles. He wanted your life to be better for knowing him. Always donning a cowboy hat and a warm smile, he embodied a spirit of kindness and authenticity. Jim believed in doing things the right way with unwavering commitment to excellence.

Throughout his life, Jim pursued various careers, including farming, carpentry, real estate and trucking. However, it was his role as the owner and CEO of Turner’s Cut Above LLC, Lawn Service, that truly defined his professional journey. He took pride in his work and was highly regarded for his expertise and dedication. In his leisure time, Jim found solace in the simple joys of life. He had a passion for horses, he enjoyed the camaraderie of bowling, cherished moments spent at the beach and embraced new experiences, such as learning to dance. His work and hobbies reflected his appreciation for the beauty and serenity of nature. Jim’s presence will be deeply missed by all who had the privilege of knowing him. His legacy of hard work, kindness, and devotion to family will forever be treasured. May his soul find eternal peace, and may his memory be a source of comfort and inspiration to all who mourn his loss.

He was preceded in death by his loving parents Jim and Laverne Turner, Sr.; brother Donald E. Turner; and his granddaughter Sarah Steedman.

Left to cherish his memory are his beloved wife, Rhonda Turner; children Jessica (Darriel) Steedman, Shannon (Adam) Turner and Michelle (Johnny) Jones; 14 grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; sister Dianne Dunning; along with numerous extended family members and friends that will forever carry his legacy of love and wisdom.

A memorial service was held December 30, 2023 at Lannie Road Baptist Church, Jacksonville.