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KELLY E. WALKER, JR.



Kelly E. Walker, Jr., longtime resident of Fernandina Beach, passed away Friday April 12, 2024 at the Warner Center for Caring. He was born in Hilliard. Kelly was a lifelong resident of Nassau County. He was a Hilliard High School graduate and served in the U. S. Navy

during the Korean Conflict. Upon returning from the Navy, he entered Jacksonville University and while a student there he ran for and was elected Town Clerk for the Town of Hilliard.

When he graduated, as a member of the first 4-year graduating class of J.U., he accepted employment with the Chevrolet Motor Division of General Motors Corporation. He resigned his employment with Chevrolet when he purchased the Chevrolet dealership in Folkston, Georgia. He was the Chevrolet dealer in Folkston until he applied for and was appointed the Chevrolet-Buick-Pontiac-Opal dealer in Fernandina Beach. After selling the dealership in Fernandina Beach; he was the Sales Manager for Evergreen Cemetery in Jacksonville, until his retirement at age 79.

Kelly enjoyed wing shooting. He traveled North, South and Central America and Africa shooting game birds and waterfowl. He was selected several times, as a Senior Veteran Class Shooter, on the Florida State, Southeastern Region and All-American Sporting Clays Teams. He wanted to send a special thank you to his breakfast friends at McDonalds. Kelly was predeceased by his wife, Jean B. Walker; his parents Kelly E. and Violet Sikes Walker, Sr.; and a brother Wendell Walker.

He leaves behind his sons Brannan K. and Ramsey H. (Felicia) Walker; his daughter Suzanne Walker (Fabrizio Consiglio); grandchildren Hampton Walker, Kaitlyn Walker and Carissa Sheen.

In keeping with Kelly's request, there will be immediate services and he will be laid to rest with his wife at Bosque Bello Cemetery. A memorial service will be held at a later date.

Rather than flowers, donations may be given to Boys & Girls Club of Nassau County; or Community Hospice and Palliative Care.

Please share your memories and condolences by visiting www. oxleyheard.com.