

### LAYTON ALTON DOWLING



Layton Alton Dowling, 69, or “Pawpaw” as so many would lovingly call him, was called to walk with the Lord on January 13, 2024, to join his son, James. He left his earthy home with the sounds of laughter and harmony as his sister Cathy Aker helped prepare the evening meal with loved ones gathered around his bedside.



He was born April 29, 1954 in Jacksonville, to Von Henry and Mavis Dowling.

He was a United States Army Veteran in the 15th Cavalry. While in the Army he met the love of his life, Sandra Dixon. Alton was happy to tell everyone that and after only 2 weeks they went from “How do you do” to “I do.” After he was discharged from the Army, he began a career in the electrical field where he was an electrical serviceman in Alvin, Texas. Alton continued his career and became a Power Trader with Duke Energy in Houston, Texas, before moving to Callahan. He eventually returned to Jacksonville, where he was employed by The Energy Authority until his retirement. Alton was a resident of Callahan for over two decades and a proud member of Crossroads Worship Center.

A proud family man and veteran, Alton would never shy away from the opportunity to tell you about the successes of his loved ones or his time in service. Life and excitement spilled from his mouth as he told his exaggerated stories of fishing or that joke he had already told you a hundred times, but still made you laugh. Alton met every task in life, big or small with pride and an “I got this” mentality and taught his family the same. He was a man with a legacy of pride and tremendous love who never met a stranger and made everyone feel like family. Alton’s memory will forever fill a space in our hearts and homes. Alton is preceded in death by his parents; and son James Henry Dowling.

Alton is survived by his wife of 48 years, Sandra Dixon Dowling; sons Michael Lee Dowling and Christopher Layton (Sarah) Dowling; grandchildren Devin (Tabbatha) Dowling, Dustyn Dowling (Caitlin Folk), Alexis Dowling, Noah Dowling (Lindsay Rhoden) and Elijah Dowling; along with his faithful furry companion Biscuit.

A celebration of Alton’s life will be held Thursday, January 25 at 2 p.m. at Jacksonville National Cemetery, with Pastor Jeul Strickland officiating where military honors will be rendered. The family requests that casual wear be worn.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations made in Layton Alton Dowling’s memory to: Crossroads Worship Center, 542284 US Hwy 1, Callahan, FL 32011.

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

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