

### LEO WILLIS GRIFFIS



Leo Willis Griffis, 81, of Callahan, passed away March 27, 2024. He was born March 31, 1942 in Penny Farms, Florida to the late Ancil Willis Griffis and Geraline Todd Griffis. Leo proudly served his country in the United States Air Force as a Shipping Clerk.



Following his honorable discharge, Leo started working for US Gypsum followed by St. Regis Paper Company as a paper tender. Leo began his 30-year long career at Anheuser-Busch where he worked as a brewer.

After retiring, Leo enjoyed spending his free time fishing, hunting and gardening. He was an avid Florida Gator fan and enjoyed watching them play football. Leo was a faithful member of Callahan First Baptist Church where he enjoyed attending services and worshipping his Lord and Savior. He was also a member of the Callahan Masonic Lodge and a past Master of Frances T. Hurlburt Lodge of Jacksonville.

Leo loved his family and enjoyed spending time with them, especially his grandchildren and great-grandchildren. He was a loving husband, father, brother, grandpa and papa, that will be dearly missed. He is preceded in death by his parents; brothers Joseph Griffis, Leroy Griffis, Donald Griffis and Bobby Griffis; and daughter Tracy Jean Griffis.

Leo is survived by his loving wife of 27 years, Joanne Griffis; son Leo Dwayne (Kim) Griffis; stepdaughter Jennifer (Robert) Hill; grandchildren Brandon (Ashley) Griffis, Brock Griffis, Brady (Brandi) Griffis and Abigail Hill; great-grandchildren Walker Griffis, Brayley Griffis and Grainger Griffis; brother Lamar (Bentia) Griffis; sisters Joan Buschell, Annette (James) Tomlinson, Evelyn Crawford, Sadie (James) McKenny, Janie Heiken, Bernice Manning and Carolyn Mintz.

The family will receive friends at 1 p.m. Thursday, April 4 prior to the celebration of life service at 2 p.m. at Callahan First Baptist Church with Dr. Lynn Hyatt officiating. Interment will be held Friday, April 5 at 9 a.m. at Jacksonville National Cemetery where Military Honors will be rendered.

In lieu of flowers, the family would like donations to be made to the Gideons International at: [www.gideons.org/donate](http://www.gideons.org/donate); or to the Store House at Callahan First Baptist Church [www.callahanfbc.org](http://www.callahanfbc.org) in Leo's honor.

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

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