

DENNIS ALLEN BYRD



Dennis Allen Byrd, 72, of Callahan, passed away December 3. He was born December 8, 1944 to the late James and Florence Drawdy Byrd in Jacksonville. He lived the last 35 years in Callahan with his beloved wife Toby. Dennis was a graduate of Paxon High School (1962) and served in the U.S. Army Reserves. Dennis and Toby shared a passion for travel and visited over 25 countries during their adventures. He enjoyed fishing with his grandson Justin as well as his best buddy and neighbor, Floyd Collins. He imparted his enthusiasm for nature and the outdoors to his children. He shared his love for fish keeping with his daughters that brought many fish-related conversations to the dinner table, to the amusement of the entire family. He will be greatly missed by all who have known him. Dennis was preceded in death by his sister Helen Southerland; half-brothers Lamar Moody and David Buster Brown.

Survivors include his wife of 49 years, Toby; daughters Kelly (Jim) Charles, Sharon (John) Hooks; son Danny Byrd; and his grandchildren Abigail Crouch, Justin Dean, Lane Byrd, Luke Byrd and Tori Litz.

Memorial services will be held Saturday, December 16 at 11 a.m. at Victory Lutheran Church, 4651 Kernan Blvd. S. Jacksonville, with Pastor Phil Hoyer officiating. Interment will be by cremation. Arrangements are under the direction of Cedar Bay Funeral Home, 714-1110.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to USMC Toys for Tots.