

JOSEPH GREGORY CRANDELL



Joseph Gregory Crandell, 64, fought his last fight January 31 in Ocala. He was a son of Callahan, born on December 8, 1953 to Alberta Cato who traded her life for his. He was adopted and reared by his aunt, Sarah J. Crandell. He was a product of public education in Callahan. While in school he played football and prided himself on his muscular physique. At the age of 17, he joined the US Navy where he earned his GED and traveled the world including Germany, the Philippines and Vietnam. He earned three medals for his service including the Bronze Medal of Courage. He returned to Callahan and worked at the Terminal Bag for 13 years, but is best known for serving at Conner's Amoco. He married Mae Frances Walls and they raised three children together. He battled a progressive disease for many years, however his heart gave out.

He is preceded in death by his mother Alberta Cato, father Roosevelt Nelson, Sr., aunt/adopted mother Sarah Jane Crandell; a sister Patricia "Tootsie" Crandell; nephew Buster Crandell; and half-brother Roosevelt Nelson, Jr.

He is survived by his former wife Mae Frances Crandell; daughter Nicole Magan (Patrick) Sasnett; sons Gregory Joseph and Ulysses Julius Crandell; grandchildren Chloe and Clarisse Sasnett, Kennedy, Champion, Gregory, Gavin and Kaleb Crandell, Brianna and Julius Xavier Walls; his half siblings, Willie James Nelson, Sr., Willeva (Oliver) Strickland, Deloris Jones, Ruby (Carl) Atwater, Theresa (Sammy) Brown, Jr., Paul (Michelle) Nelson and Marie (Terry) Jacobs, Sr.

The family will receive friends Saturday, February 17 at 2:30 p.m. prior to the funeral service at 3:30 p.m. at Bethel AME Church in Callahan on Page Street.