

BENJAMIN CLARENCE SOFGE



Benjamin Clarence Sofge, 86, passed away after a lengthy illness, dying peacefully in his sleep.

He was born November 15, 1931 in Jacksonville to Clarence McKee Sofge and Alice McLemore. He was a devoted husband to his wife of 49 years, Eva Mae



Knight, and a founding member and Chief of River Road Fire Department in Hilliard. He was a veteran of the Air Force and later worked for the FAA, where he retired. He enjoyed camping, boating, fishing, singing, dancing, motorcycles and family gatherings. An avid hobbyist and a lifelong learner, Ben also enjoyed making wine and dulcimers, was a gentleman farmer, and enjoyed building and fixing everything under the sun.

He is survived by his six children, Joseph, Alysse, Jack, David, Janie and Donald Sofge as well as 12 grandchildren and 11 great grandchildren. Ben enjoyed an extraordinary life and was surrounded by the love of his family. We will remember him for his larger than life persona and his compassionate and generous spirit as he loved family and adored his grandchildren and friends. He was affectionately known as 'Papa', was deeply loved and will be missed.

Funeral proceedings were held on April 22 at Nassau Funeral Home followed by a potluck gathering at the former River Road Fire Department building at the corner of County Road 121 and Henry Lee Road.

Condolences may be expressed at www.nassaufh.com. Arrangements by Nassau Funeral Home, Callahan, 904-879-1770.