

DAVID R. 'DANNY' JOHNSON



David R. 'Danny' Johnson, 70, of Callahan, went home to be with Jesus on April 30. Danny was born on October 5, 1947 in Babson Park, Florida to David (Ernest) and Thelma Johnson. He proudly served his country in the United States Army for 23 years. He was a Paratrooper with the 82nd Airborne, then served as Field Recruiter. His community needed volunteer firefighters so he answered the call with the Callahan Volunteer Fire Department. Eventually he went on to serve fulltime with Nassau County Fire Rescue for 16 years before retiring as a Captain. He was a member of Callahan Masonic Lodge #32 for 45 years and held positions as Past Worshipful Master, District Deputy Grand Master (2013), Scottish Rite KCCH (Knight Commander Court of Honor), York Rite (Knight Companion) and Ozz Grotto (Past Monarch) as well as a member of the Order of the Eastern Star, and the Sons of Confederate Veterans. He also served as President of the Board of Farmer's Federal Credit Union. He was a member of the First Baptist Church of Callahan.

Danny was larger than life and truly a man who served others! He was a neighbor; a Master Mason; a lover of politics and FSU football, but mostly, he was a family man devoted to his wife, daughters and their families. His beloved Jack and Dixie, his fur babies, had many adventures and rides together. Danny had a quick wit and always enjoyed a robust political rambling. He loved his retirement, meeting friends and traveling. He was adored by everyone who knew him and will be missed.

Danny was preceded in death by his beloved mother Thelma Shaffer Johnson; his father David (Ernest) Johnson; and son-in-law Kenneth (Lamar) Tanner.

He is survived by his high school sweetheart and wife of nearly 52 years, Janet Rabon Johnson; his daughters Nancy Johnson Tanner, Cindy Johnson (Chuck) Mitchell and Debbie Johnson (Scotty) Hicks; eight grandchildren Jessica Barber (Alex) Pittman, James David Pillar, Eric Westmoreland, Jacob Mitchell and Ariel Mitchell, Hannah Hicks, Jackson Hicks and Greyson Hicks; four great-grandchildren Aaden and Levi Pittman and Landon and Ella Westmoreland.

The family will receive friends Thursday, May 3 at the First Baptist Church of Callahan from 5-8 p.m. The funeral service will be held Friday, May 4 at 11 a.m. also at the church with Rev. Lynn Hyatt officiating. Graveside service with full Military Honors and Masonic Rites will follow at Jones Cemetery.

Condolences may be expressed at www.nassaufh.com.

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