

EVERETT FRANKLIN COLEMAN



Everett "Curly" Franklin Coleman, 85, of Hilliard, passed away November 17, 2024, at Community Hospice Warner Care Center with his loving family by his side. He was born July 7, 1939 in Inverness, Mississippi.

Curly was raised in Mississippi and following high school, proudly served his country in the United States Navy. He was a true patriot, and was proud to be an American and fight for his country. During his time in the Navy, Curly became a hero in more ways than one. He was known for his bravery and saved a fellow sailor's life during a critical moment.

Soon after being honorably discharged from the military, Curly married his best friend and forever companion, Margie Diane Driver in 1966. A year later, they made Hilliard, their home where they raised their sweet family. Curly was a devoted husband, loving father and grandfather who always put his family first. He was a selfless and gentle man, known for his integrity and his faith. Curly loved his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and was thankful to be a longtime member at River Road Baptist Church.

Curly enjoyed a successful career as a Plumber, retiring from IMS in 2009. When not working, Curly loved fishing, tending to his horses and was an avid fan of the Florida State Seminoles. Woodworking was his passion, and he thoroughly enjoyed making custom walking canes for family and friends over the years. More than anything, Curly treasured his family and loved spending precious time and making everlasting memories with them. He was an amazing man who was greatly loved and will be deeply missed by all who knew him. Curly was preceded in death by his mother Margaret "Maggie" Hodges Coleman; and grandson Blake Curtis.

Curly is survived by his loving wife of 58 years, Margie Diane Driver Coleman; children Ronnie (Kimberly) Coleman of Callahan and Rachelle (Josh) Curtis of Hilliard; grandchildren Cherish (Jacob) Mulholland, Faith (Travis) Jarrell, Trinity Coleman, Joshua (Sam) Curtis and Riley Curtis; great-grandchildren Lilly, River, Beau and Cole.

The family will receive friends Friday, November 22 at 11 a.m. prior to the celebration of life service at 12 p.m. at River Road Baptist Church with Pastor Hal McIntosh and Pastor Benjie Loyd officiating. Interment will follow at River Road Baptist Church Cemetery where military honors will be rendered.

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

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