

ADRON PARNELL DAVIS



Adron Parnell “AP” Davis, 88, of Callahan, went to be with the Lord July 2, 2022 at the Warner Center for Caring in Fernandina Beach. He was born on July 18, 1933 in Blackshear, Georgia to the late James and Leola Herrin Davis. Parnell graduated from Blackshear High School in 1952 and then joined the U. S. Army. He married Lawanna “Wannie” Bryant, of Blackshear, in 1953. While stationed at Ft. Eustis, VA their only daughter, Debbie, was born in 1954. Parnell was honorably discharged in 1955.

Parnell and Wannie moved to Fernandina Beach in 1958 where he worked for the Merita Bread Company as a delivery truck driver. In 1960, he was employed by Container Corporation of America where he remained until his retirement in 1995. He was known as “AP” by many of his friends and coworkers. AP loved to fish and spent many days boating and fishing in the local waters. He designed and built a house for Wannie and then built a second house on the Satilla River to have more fishing opportunities. He developed a love for RV travel and became a member of “The Over the Hill Gang.” AP was also a member of the Fernandina Beach Shrine Club and devoted much time to supporting their charitable events. He also drove a car in many of the parades. AP was an active member of North 14th Street Baptist Church until moving to Callahan where he became a member First Baptist Church of Gray Gables.

In addition to his parents, AP was preceded in death by his brothers Gerald and Harold Davis; as well as a son-in law Thomas Higginbotham; and a granddaughter Carrie Higginbotham.

AP leaves behind his wife of 68 years, Lawanna; his daughter Debbie Higginbotham of Callahan; a granddaughter Ashley (Bryce) Fowler; great grandchildren Cameron and Brylynn Fowler; a sister Barbara (Thomas) Wright; a brother Royce Davis; as well as many nieces and nephews.

The family received friends prior to the funeral service held Friday, July 8 in the Burgess Chapel of Oxley-Heard Funeral Directors. Burial followed in Green Pine Cemetery.

Oxley-Heard Funeral Directors handled arrangements.