

ALLEN E. STARLING



Allen “Pete” E. Starling, 83, of Hilliard, passed away December 3, 2022. He was born on February 21, 1939 in Jacksonville to Roland G. Starling and Jewel Venita Braddock. Growing up, Pete and his family would take weekend trips to the lake and that is where he developed a love for fishing and water skiing. He became extremely good at water skiing and won many slalom ski competitions. Pete proudly served in the United States Air Force as an Aircraft Radio Repairman. After his time in the Air Force, Pete met the love of his life, Joan Anderson. They married on August 4, 1967 and had two beautiful daughters, Alana and Crystal. Pete knew after seeing Joan at the Miss Blaze beauty pageant, she was the one who lit his flame in many ways. After they wed, Pete began his long-time career as a firefighter/engineer for the Jacksonville Fire Department. He retired in 1993 after 27 years of service. Pete was the ultimate family man and adored spending time with his family especially his grandchildren and great-grandchildren. He also enjoyed watching Gunsmoke and other westerns while indulging in a honeybun from time to time. Pete was known for blasting old country tunes through his big speaker on music nights. He is preceded in death by his parents; and daughter Crystal Renee Starling.

Pete leaves behind his loving wife of 55 years, Joan Anderson-Starling; daughter Alana Jensen (Collin Rewis); sister Joan Witt; nephew Jerry (Patricia) Millikin; grandchildren Chance McClinton, Chessie (Ian) Farhat and Ceegan McClinton; and four great-grandchildren.

A graveside service was held Monday, December 12 at Jacksonville National Cemetery with Roland Coleman officiating.

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