

AVERY LEE ROWELL, SR.



Avery Lee Rowell, Sr., 72 of Callahan, passed away on February 16, 2022. He was born in Jacksonville November 16, 1949 to the late Clifton Rowell and Vernie Celistia Dixon Rowell. Avery proudly served in the United States Marine Corps and while doing so he earned a National Defense Service Medal, Rifle Expert Badge, two Purple Heart Medals, Combat Action Ribbon, Vietnam Service Medal and a Vietnam Campaign Medal. After his honorable discharge, Avery decided to take a different career as a carpenter. He also volunteered over 2,500 hundred hours driving for the VA. When he wasn't working, Avery enjoyed hunting, fishing and spending time with his family. Family time was very important to Avery. He was a dedicated husband, father, brother, grandfather and friend, who will be missed dearly. Avery is preceded in death by his parents; infant son Henry Lee Rowell; brothers Rabbit Rowell and Eddie Fletcher; and his sister Gradenia Rowell.

Avery leaves behind his loving wife of 49 years, Doris Rowell; children Avery L. (Ginny) Rowell, Jr., Amanda (Jeremy) Rowell-Bell and David W. (Bailey) Rowell; brothers Carl Chirico and Rickey Cason; sisters Linda Jones and Bunny McMahan; grandchildren Matthew (Megan) Rowell, Caralyn Bell, Monica Rowell, Dalton (Brittany) Rowell, Lauren Rowell, Abbygail Bell and Willie D. Rowell; great-grandchildren Junior, Guinevere and Kristi, who he raised and loved like one of his own.

The family will receive friends Sunday, February 27 from 5-7 p.m. at Nassau Funeral Home. A celebration of Avery's life will be held Monday, February 28 at 12 p.m. at Lannie Road Baptist Church with Pastor Buddy Wimberly officiating. Interment will follow at Jacksonville National Cemetery where Military Honors will be rendered.

Per family request, please wear a mask if you plan to attend the visitation and/or the service. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to Purple Heart Foundation, PO Box 49 Annandale, VA, 22003; or by visiting: <http://purpleheartfoundation.org>.

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

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