

### **BILLY GENE BETHEA**



Billy Gene Bethea, 83, passed away on Thursday, May 16, 2019. Billy was born on May 6, 1936 in Perry, Florida. His parents, George and Myrtle Bethea, moved from Perry to Callahan in 1946. Billy made his home in Callahan for the rest of his life.

Billy retired from the Florida Department of Transportation as a Project Engineer in 1998, after a career of 44 years. His hobbies included following NASCAR and spending time outdoors. He faithfully served his church, Callahan First Baptist, as a counting committee member for many, many years. Billy also enjoyed spending time with his loving family, especially his granddaughter, Hayden.

Billy is survived by his wife of 61 years, Thelma (Geiger) Bethea; his son Stan (Nancy) Bethea; his granddaughter Hayden; and one sister Areta Hensley; as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

The family received friends Tuesday, May 21 at Callahan First Baptist Church. The funeral service was held Wednesday, May 22 at Callahan First Baptist Church. Interment followed at Jones Cemetery, Callahan. A meal was served at the church following the interment.

Condolences may be expressed at [www.nassaufh.com](http://www.nassaufh.com).

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