

CURTIS RAY MESSER



Curtis Ray Messer, 68, transitioned to Heaven Thursday, June 2, 2022. Ray was born on January 5, 1954 in Columbus, Ohio and son of the late Raymond and Minnie Marcum Messer. He and his family moved to Jacksonville when he was in the 10th grade and he graduated in 1972 from Andrew Jackson High School.

Ray began his career with St. Regis in 1972 and worked 46 years. He retired in 2018. He met the love of his life, Joyce Parsley and they married on April 22, 1974. He was a member of North Jacksonville Baptist Church. He loved to fish, “tinkering with anything” and spending time with his family. He is preceded in death by his parents; and three brothers Roy, Ronnie and James Messer.

Surviving family include his wife of 48 years, Joyce Messer; three children Tammy Smallwood, Jessica (Sonny) Winebarger and Jordan (Kari) Messer; six grandchildren Amery, Jacie, Noah, Annelisa, Levi and Addy; one great-grandson Desmond; siblings, Juanita (Dana) Guinn, Bob (Hazel) Messer, Alan (Angie) Messer and Mark (Chris) Messer; special family member Rhena Messer Hodge; and a number of nieces, nephews and friends.

A celebration of life service was held Monday, June 6 at North Jacksonville Baptist Church with Rev. Jordan Messer and Pastor Bob Messer, officiating. His family received friends prior to the service. A graveside service was held Tuesday, June 7 at Green Pine Cemetery in Yulee.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the Gideons International <https://gideons.org/donate>.

Peoples Funeral Home is serving the Messer Family.