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DAVID "JOE" LATHAM



David "Joe" Latham, 63, of Callahan, passed away peacefully April 14, 2022 in his Lynn Haven, Florida home with his loving wife at his side. He was born on September 17, 1958 to Gladys and Willard Latham. Though the family moved frequently, for much of his

youth he called Callahan, Florida home where he graduated from West Nassau High in 1977 before joining the US Air Force in 1979.

At the start of his military career, he married his best friend and soul mate, Robin Everly Latham. Their romance lasted for 40 years, bringing them two children and three grandchildren. They were engaged and married quickly before his 20-year military service carried them off to Spain, Texas and finally Mississippi where he retired in 1999.

He then served his country once more as a civil servant at Tyndall Air Force Base in Panama City, Florida for another 20 years, before retiring in January, 2022.

He lived his life by an unspoken code of kindness, patience and honor and he dedicated his life to his country and his family. His wife Robin was the breath in his lungs, his daughter Sierra was the light of his life and his son Dustin was his deepest source of pride. His grandchildren Serenity, Emily and David were his endless well of joy. Joe loved to travel and did so often with his family including his wife, children and grandchildren. In his life he visited 26 countries. He is preceded in death by his mother Gladys Bray; father Willard Latham; and brother Larry Latham.

He is survived by his wife Robin Latham; son Dustin Latham; daughter Sierra Latham; granddaughters Serenity and Emily Latham; grandson David Latham; daughters-in-law Rachel Latham and Lauren Barnaby; sister Lois Isley; brother Curtis Bray; and many cousins and friends who loved him.

A memorial service will be held Saturday, April 30 at 11 a.m. at the Friendship Alliance Church in Callahan, followed by military honors and lunch.

In lieu of flowers, please send donations to your favorite cancer organization in his honor.