

DEBRA “DEBBIE” BURNS



Debra “Debbie” Burns, 72, went home to Heaven on Wednesday, December 13, 2023. She was born October 9, 1951 in Hahira, Georgia, the daughter of the late John Ansel and Ruth Gaskins. Debbie was raised in Nashville, Georgia and moved to Jacksonville at the age of 16. She met the love of her life, Tommy Dale Burns and they were married on January 24, 1970.

She began her career at Prudential Insurance Company and then Lake Forest Atlantic Bank. Once their sons were born, she stayed home. When they were school age, she worked as a Teacher’s Aide and then Secretary/Bookkeeper at Callahan Middle and West Nassau High Schools. Debbie and Dale were members at North Jacksonville Church of God, Regency Church of God; and for the last 20 years, members at Evangel Temple. Debbie was a sweet soul and would do anything for anybody. She would lend a hand where ever it was needed.

She is survived by her husband of almost 54 years, Dale Burns; sons Chad Eric Burns and Jason (Brittany) Burns; three grandchildren Joseph Sykes-Burns, Asher Burns and Atlas Burns; Dale’s family Glenda and Joe Stonecipher; and a host of friends.

A celebration of life service was held Tuesday, December 19 at Evangel Temple, Jacksonville with Pastor Jordan Wiggins, Pastor Randy Kisser, Pastor Jim Hull and Chad Eric Burns officiating. Interment followed at Evergreen Cemetery (Gate #1).

Peoples Funeral Home served the Burns family.

Condolences may be expressed at: www.ppfh.com.