

DERRY 'BUTCH' DEBERRY



Derry 'Butch' Woodrow DeBerry, 75, of Hilliard, went home to be with his Lord and Savior on May 24, 2021 at home, with his loving sister Patsy by his side. Butch was born in Humboldt, Tennessee on August 25, 1945. His family moved to Jacksonville Beach quickly thereafter, where he spent his childhood. He attended Duncan U. Fletcher High School. At the age of 18, he joined the military, where he served in the United States Army Intelligence honorably and with distinction as a Sergeant during the Vietnam Era.

After returning home from his five years of service, primarily in Europe, he went on to achieve his BS degree from Jones College in 1973. Butch enjoyed working in the Beverage Industry and was awarded many accommodations and awards. His love of the industry led him to continue working and resetting stores after his retirement up until the age of 71. Butch is an active member of the American Legion Post 401, Hilliard and spent many nights enjoying some of his lifelong hobbies with his fellow Veterans and friends, especially singing Karaoke. Singing, writing music and playing guitar were all some of his favorite pastimes, all while supporting his favorite football teams the Florida Gators and the Jacksonville Jaguars. He was a huge Tim Tebow fan!

But when asked what his all-time favorite thing to do was, his answer was playing and spending time with his beloved grandchildren, Nikolos, MaKensie, Matthew, Crystal, Alyssa and his great-great niece and nephew, Peyton and Ronin. On his worst days, the mention of their names, a picture or a video always brought a smile to his face. Butch was predeceased in death by his parents Thelma Loiuise Cato and James Oliver Cato; and his brothers Jerry Cato and Steve York.

He is survived by his son Jeffery (Beth) DeBerry; and his stepson Chris Perry; siblings Patsy York, Judy (Sal) Pino, Billie Joe (Jean) Cato and Randy (Richie) Cato; his grandchildren; and many adoring cousins, nieces, nephews, friends and loved ones, including his very best friend of 40+ years, Charles Lloyd. Please join us in celebrating Butch's life Friday, August 6 at 12:30 p.m. at The Journey Church/West Campus, 550974 US 1, Hilliard. He will be escorted to his final resting place at Jacksonville National Cemetery, with full Military Honors at 2:30 p.m.