

ELMER LONNIE MILLS, JR.



Elmer Lonnie Mills, Jr., 73, went home to be with his Lord and Savior on April 3, 2020 after a hard-fought battle with cancer. He was born December 21, 1946 and was a lifelong resident of Jacksonville. He served proudly as a US Marine during the Vietnam War, which left him disabled. When he returned, he married the love of his life Wilma Mills and stood by her side for the rest of his life. Wilma and he had two children, Lonnie and Darrin and were God parents to nieces Melissa and Tonya. Elmer, despite his many hardships and challenges, ensured his family was always taken care of and knew how much he loved them.

Later, Lonnie married Sheila and Darrin married, making Elmer a doting grandfather (a.k.a. Papa) to Jeffrey (Kayla), Brittany, Destiny, Dalton and Camryn; and later great-grandfather to Kristopher, Noah, Kasen and Kaden. In addition, he was lovingly known as Uncle Elmer to most any family or close friend that had the pleasure to know him. His love for humor and people were well known and he left an impression on all he met. He cared deeply for others and was always willing to help, be it with a helping hand, kind word, or a quick-witted joke.

He is also survived by his brothers Julish (Linda) and Robert; sister Pauline (Roland); brothers-in-law Marshall (Joyce) and Eddie; sister-in-law Carolyn; and numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and extended family. He is preceded in death by his parents Irene and Elmer Mills, Sr.; brother John; and three sisters Alline, Irene and Hazelene; and numerous in-laws and other extended family.

Funeral services will be held Saturday, August 15 at 12 p.m. at Fraser Funeral Home with Pastor Larry McGinley officiating. The family will receive friends one hour prior to the service.

Interment will follow at Gethsemane Memorial Gardens with Military Honors.

Fraser Funeral Home assisted the family, (904) 781-4314.