

EMMETTE CLAYTON THARPE



Emmette Clayton Tharpe, 85, of Callahan, went home on June 12, 2021, after a valiant and courageous fight. He had ambition, grit and determination. He was proud of his career at Winn Dixie and Publix but was most proud of the business he built from scratch, County Boy Feed. He loved his customers and considered them friends. One life comes into the world and one life leaves. Our family has had the bookends of joy and sorrow. His sixth great-grandchild was born on Sunday. We lost him on Saturday night. He loved his children, his grandchildren, and his great-grandchildren. He fought hard and we were gifted with extra time with him. At the end, he passed with family there.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Louie Frank and Lula McCall Tharpe; brothers, William Houston, Louie Grafton and Waylon Milton Tharpe.

He is survived by his wife of 32 years, Patti; sister Virginia Tharpe Gallopo; brothers Marion Preston Tharpe and Melton Durell Tharpe; children Penny (David) McGowan, Beth Middleton, Bill (Amanda) Tharpe and Erica (Rusty) Newton; nine grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

A Celebration of Emmette's life will be held Friday, June 18 from 6-8 p.m. at Nassau Funeral Home. Interment will be held Monday, June 21 beside his mother and father, in Shady Grove Cemetery in Sampson, Alabama.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that you donate to a charity of your choice in his honor. Arrangements by Nassau Funeral Home, Callahan, 904-879-1770.