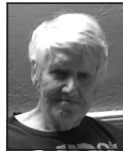


GARY EDWARD WADE



Gary Edward Wade, 79, of Hilliard, passed away May 23, 2022 at the Life Care Center of Hilliard after a lengthy illness. The Hilliard native was born on November 30, 1942 to Marion E. and Ruth Milligan Wade. Gary was a US Navy Veteran and was retired from the Nassau County Road Department as a Mechanic. Gary was very active and a hard worker. He enjoyed planting and gardening and was very good at it. He would spend hours getting the ground ready plowing away and never got tired. His favorite thing to do was share what he grew with family and friends. Gary also enjoyed walking and would walk everyday rain or shine. He was passionate about music and often listened to Jimmy Rodgers or Hank Williams, Sr. with his foot tapping. He had a sweet tooth and always had several Hershey candy bars and loved giving them away just as much as he enjoyed them. He had lots of hobbies to include photography, reading, swimming, cooking, baking, collecting old coins, stamps, books, records and much more.

Gary was an absolute treasure to his five grandchildren. He had special relationships with each of them and was very involved in their lives. He only had one rule for them, they must call him Granddaddy, nothing else ever, it had to be Granddaddy no matter what. It was something all the grandchildren had in common, and they were much obliged to do so. In addition to his parents; he is predeceased by his beloved sister Patricia Henderson.

Survivors include his three children Jeff, Greta and Amy Wade; five grandchildren Damien Wade, Anthony Wade, Cody Cawley, Mallory Wade and Kellie Marshall; seven great-grandchildren; brother Leland Wade; and several cousins, nieces and nephews.

A memorial service was held Saturday, May 28 in the Chapel of Callahan Funeral Home.

Condolences may be expressed at www.callahanfh.com.

Arrangements by Callahan Funeral Home, Inc., 879-2336.