

HOWARD TILLMAN MASON



Howard Tillman Mason, of Hilliard, away August 8, 2022. He was born August 19, 1937 in Athens, Tennessee to T.C. and Dorothy Wilcox Mason. He served as a Surgical Technician in the U.S. Air Force from 1955-1959 in Rantoul, Illinois. After leaving the military, Howard and his wife, Bobbie, and first child, Kimberly moved to Jacksonville. There he worked in the pest control business which led to owning Gateway Services, Inc., for 40 years until his retirement in 2005. He had many long-lasting friendships with his employees and his many clients. Howard was past president of the Northeast Florida Pest Control Association, Jacksonville Executive Association and a member of First Baptist Church of Hilliard.

He was preceded in death by his parents; brother Elden Mason; and niece Ashli James.

In addition to his wife of 65 years, Bobbie; he is survived by his children, Kimberly (Glenn) Rentz, Steven (Rhonda) Mason, Pamela Nelson and Brian Mason; sister Joyce James; sisters-in-law Lynne Duggan and Bella Mason; niece Megan James; six grandchildren Adria Youngblood, Ryan Mason, Halston Nelson, Christian Nelson, Joe Nelson and Zachary Mason; seven great-grandchildren Aiden, Elijah, Micah, Bella, Hoss, Dallas and Delaney.

The family received friends Wednesday, August 10 at Shepard-Roberson Funeral Home. A graveside service was held Thursday, August 11 at Jacksonville National Cemetery with Pastor Ryan Mason officiating.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Alzheimer's Association.

The family is grateful to the entire staff of the Jacksonville Nursing and Rehabilitation Center for the loving and compassionate care shown to Howard for over five years.

Condolences may be expressed at www.shepardrobersonfh.com. Arrangements by Shepard-Roberson Funeral Home, Folkston.