

JACK BURT BURNS, SR.



Jack Burt Burns, Sr., 90, of Callahan, went home to be with his Savior July 11, 2022. He was a wonderful Daddy, Papa, Uncle and friend. He was born in 1931 in Jacksonville to William and Sarah Burns. He had nine siblings. As a young man, he served as a Corporal in the



US Army, serving in Germany. Later, he met the love of his life, Betty Joyce Camp. They were married and made their life in Callahan. He worked for Irvington Moore USNR Dry Kiln and retired after many years of service. He and Betty were married for 60 years before her passing in 2017. The Lord saw that he was tired and reunited them together in Heaven.

He loved to hunt, fish and be with his family and friends. He always had a story to tell that would make you laugh and you would learn something with each story he told. His fishing trips were mostly more stories than fish! You could find him outside from sun up to sundown, cutting grass, picking up leaves or in his barn or as he says, "Doing much of nothing!" If you needed something fixed or built, he could do it all. He was the perfect example of a working man. In all he did, he made sure that you knew his love for Christ. He would pray with and for people that he met. He was a longtime active member of Callahan First Baptist Church, where he was usually the first to be in his pew on Sunday mornings. He is preceded in death by his wife, Betty; daughter Donna Lynn Burch; and many others welcoming him home.

He is survived by his children, Jack B. Burns, Jr. and Jennifer L. (Scott) Mezera; seven grandchildren, Derrick (Kelsey) Burch, Josh (Mabry) Burch, Zack (Kayla) Mezera, Jacob (Jaylen) Mezera, Alec (Elizabeth) Mezera, Caleb Mezera and Ryland Burns; four great-grandchildren Kynlie Burch, Gannon Burch, Ryan Burch and Rori Mezera; one brother/best friend Robert "Bobby" (Delores) Burns; nephews that were more like sons and many friends he loved.

The family will receive friends Thursday, July 14 at 10 a.m. prior to the funeral service at 11 a.m. at Callahan First Baptist Church. Burial will follow at Edgewood Cemetery.

Oxley-Heard Funeral Directors in Fernandina Beach, handled arrangements.