

JAMES EARL HUNTLEY, JR.



James Earl Huntley, Jr., 77, of Jacksonville/Fernandina Beach, went home to be with the Lord on October the 19, 2021. He was born on August 21, 1944 to James Earl Huntley and Coralie Braddock Huntley of Riverview. He graduated from Andrew Jackson High School and Georgia Institute of Technology with an Engineering Degree. He worked both domestically and internationally building power plants, paper mills and other industrial projects. Jim retired as Senior Vice President from WW Gay Mechanical Contractors.

He was a member of Ephesus Baptist Church; he previously was a member of First Baptist Church of Jacksonville, Gardenview Baptist Church and was a founding member at Amelia Baptist Church. He was very generous with his time and money and was always willing to volunteer his sons and grandsons to help with the heavy lifting. In addition to his generosity, Jim was always able to find humor in any situation, a trait that his children and grandchildren inherited. He always had a funny story ready at a moment's notice, the more embarrassing, the funnier. In his kindness he loved and tolerated his wife's Cavalier, Sebastian.

An avid hunter and a great marksman, he hunted both in the United States and throughout the world, treasuring his travel experiences and trophies (displayed proudly in his den). He visited 40 countries and it was a common occurrence when watching TV for Jim to say, "I've been there." He was greatly loved by his devoted family, but if you detect a note of humor in this obituary, you will know that it was written by those who loved and laughed with him. He will be sorely missed.

Jim is survived by his wife of 56 years, Glenda Huntley; his children Jim (Heidi) Huntley, Elizabeth (Marvin) Lee and Rob (Amie) Huntley; his 12 grandchildren Hannah (Gabe) Martin, Brandon Lee, Christopher Huntley, Thaddaeus Moore, Benjamin Huntley, Madison Moore, Jonathan Huntley, Margaret Huntley, Huntley Moore, Evelyn Huntley and Seth Moore; great-granddaughter Willow Lee; and a brother Bradley (Linda) Huntley.

The family received friends Friday, October 22 at Oxley Heard Funeral Home in Fernandina Beach. The funeral service was held Saturday, October 23 at Amelia Baptist Church. Burial followed at Bosque Bello Cemetery on Amelia Island.

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