

JAMES HENRY WAY, JR.



James Henry Way, Jr., 74, of Callahan, peacefully passed away Monday, August 5, 2024. James was born on July 21, 1950. He was preceded in death by his parents, Henry “James” Way and Missouri Bell Way Melton; and two brothers Ronnie Way and Reginald



Mitchell.

James was a 1968 graduate of Pine Forest Community School, which was the last graduating class. He was known for his basketball skills while playing for Pine Forest. After graduation, James was drafted into the United States Army where he served in the Vietnam War from 1968 to 1970. Upon his return from Vietnam, James was employed by the Terminal Bag Company for a few years. He later began working with Anheuser Busch where he proudly gave 42 years and nine months of service.

James was married to Rose Marie Wright from 1976 to 2013. He was a member of Greater Mount Pleasant Baptist Church where he served as President of Usher Board #1, a Trustee and on the Finance Team. He was an avid gardener and had his Master Gardener certification with the Nassau County Extension Service of UF Institute of Food & Agriculture Sciences. James was also a licensed realtor, a devoted Dallas Cowboys fan, and loyal reader of the Consumer’s Report and Forbes Magazines.

James is survived by his children Gwen (Walter, Jr.) Cooper of Callahan, Troy (Kyanne) Way of Yulee and Tamar Way of Callahan; grandchildren Terrell Jenkins, Khamani Way, Jacob Cooper, Khy’lee Way, and Leilani Way; 11 brothers and sisters, Joanne Kelly of Callahan, Glenn (Cyndee) Hargrove of Youngstown, OH, Ozeal (Margaret) Way of Haywood, CA, Barbara (Connie “Mickey”) Mitchell of Callahan, Larry (Sharon) Mitchell of Hilliard, Calvin (Linda) Way of Miami, Yvonne (Holman) Donley of Callahan, Archie (Beatrice) Mitchell of Callahan, Dorothy Johnson of Jacksonville, Yvette Washington of Nashville, TN and Cynthia Humphrey of Jacksonville; special friend Gail Walters; special cousin Ivory “Pete” Melton, Jr.; and god-daughters Nikkii Mitchell and Lakisha Goodwin. James will be missed by special friends Johnnie Mincey, Cliff Miller and Billy Jordan, numerous nephews, nieces, other relatives, and friends.

The family will receive friends Friday, August 16 from 5-7 p.m. at the First Baptist Church of Callahan. A celebration of life service will be held Saturday, August 17 at 11 a.m. also at the church. Interment will be held Monday, August 19 at 11:30 a.m. at the Jacksonville National Cemetery.

Sarah L. Carter’s Funeral Home