

JAMES WILLIAM BENNETT



“Billy” James William Bennett, 82, passed away peacefully on December 14, 2022. Billy was born May 5, 1940 to James Harmon Bennett and Lillian Linda Anderson Bennett in Millwood, Georgia. Billy earned his LPN license and spent many years working in nursing homes followed by working with the handicapped which was the type of nursing he did until he retired. His job was very important and he put his heart and soul into until he retired.

During those years he met and married the love of his life and soulmate Janice Lynn Berry. They lived a happy and content 34 years together. Billy had no children of his own, but when he married Janice, he became a “Bonus Dad” to her 5 adult children and was a father figure to grandson Adam Lang. Billy and Janice raised Adam from a very young age, he taught Adam the things in life that mattered most. Adam was the closest thing to a son and Billy and Adam shared a special relationship. He was a son, husband, brother, friend and a poppy. He will be missed by many. He loved the Lord and read his bible regularly until his eyes would not allow it anymore. Today, we say “see ya later” Billy and thank you for loving our mother and her children as your own.

He is predeceased in death by his parents; siblings Kay Hiott and Ricky Crowle; sister in-law Jeanette Bennett; son Steve Hines; granddaughter Crystle Lang Crews; and grandson Chad Lang; and sister in-law Eleanor Poindexter.

He is survived by daughters Phyllis (Paul) Ladson and Bobbie (Rick) Boatright, all of Callahan, Tori (Billy) Harris of Augusta, IL and Lori (Dallas) Morris of Savannah, GA; grandchildren Shaye Sawyer, Wayne (Lorrie) Bell, Amy Bell, Kevin (Stephanie) Boatright, Stephanie Burrows, Sawyer Hines, Misti Crews, Baylee Harris, Brad Lang, Adam Lang and Ashley (Dawain) Phillips; many great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren; siblings Monroe Bennett and Annette Jones; daughter in-law Shari Hines; sister in-law Betty Love; and brother in-law Jim Poindexter; and many nieces, nephews and friends.

At Billy’s request there will be no funeral or memorial service. Instead of flowers, please make a donation to the Down Syndrome Association.