


### **JULIAN JOHN LUCERO**

 Mr. Julian 'Jr.' John Lucero, 81, of Florahome, passed away at his home Wednesday, September 9, 2020, following an extended illness. He was born August 15, 1939, in San Luis, Colorado to Julian and Carlota (Cardenas) Lucero. Mr. Lucero served 10 years in the United States Navy and fought in the Vietnam War while serving in the United States Army. Prior to retirement he was employed with Jefferson-Smurfit as a Supervisor; he and his wife also owned and operated Nanna's Café in Middleburg and Interlachen where he loved meeting and greeting all those that visited. Mr. Lucero was a member of Oak Avenue Baptist Church in Florahome. He enjoyed fishing, especially with his grandchildren and he was an avid Georgia Bulldog fan.

In addition to his parents; he was also preceded in death by his granddaughter Kimberly Gillespie; great-grandson Anterious Miller; a sister Alene; and a brother Adolph.

Survivors are his loving and dedicated wife of 28 years, Barbara (White) Lucero; nine children Sam (Jennifer) Lucero, Randy (Angel) Lucero, Carla (James) Thomas, Dede (Tommy) Cohen, Dawn Bass, Debra Ervin, Juannell (Larry) Cunningham, Maggie (Paul) Keck and Lisa (Dennis) Brown; five siblings Virgil, Art, Leroy, Josie and Laurie; and was lovingly called "Papa" by multiple grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Funeral services for Mr. Lucero were held Saturday, September 12 in Oak Avenue Baptist Church in Florahome with Pastor Tim Plymel officiating. The family received friends prior to the service. Interment was held at Jacksonville National Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations can be made to Haven Hospice, 6400 St. Johns Ave., Palatka, FL 32177.

Condolences may be expressed at: [www.jonesgallagherfh.com](http://www.jonesgallagherfh.com).

Arrangements by Jones-Gallagher Funeral Home, (352) 473-3176.