

LEON D. ROCHAY

 Leon D. Rochay, 77, passed quietly Thursday, March 14, with his daughter, daughter-in-law, sister and nephew by his side at St. Vincent's Community Hospice in Jacksonville. Leon, always known as Bud, was born to Daniel and Pearl (Varner) Rochay on January 4, 1942 in Summerville, South Carolina. He was a tree surgeon in Homosassa, Florida. He moved to Callahan where he proceeded his trade to carpentry. He later became a welder for Florida Steel and eventually retired as a Master Timber Harvester. Leon was preceded in death by his parents Daniel and Pearl (Varner) Rochay; his sisters Jeanette Delacruz, Iona Elliot and Margie Esquerra.

He is survived by daughter Teresa L. (Ron) Radzicz; son Andra (Angela) Rochay; stepdaughters Kimberly (Joe) Slater and Sarah (Steve) Irizarry; 10 grandchildren; 18 great-grandchildren; sisters Anna (Brian) Allessandro, Marilyn (Robert) Decker, Grace Scampini, Mary McKnight, Diane (Calvin) Wilson and Tammy (Doug) Backous; brothers Hazel (Rhonda) Rochay, Howard (Kathy) Rochay, O'Neal (Darlene) Rochay and Michael Rochay.

A memorial service was held Monday, March 18 at the Callahan Funeral Home Chapel. Interment followed in Live Oak Cemetery, Callahan.

Memorials may be expressed at www.callahanfh.com.

Arrangements by Callahan Funeral Home, Inc., 879-2336.