

### **MICHAEL E. PERRET, SR.**



Michael E. Perret, Sr., 70, passed away peacefully the morning of October 29, 2023, surrounded by his loving family in Mayo Hospital. Despite facing health challenges for decades, his resilience was remarkable. In July 2023, when confronted with the stark reality of his condition, he responded with a laugh, embodying the strength that defined him.

Michael was born December 26, 1952 in Jacksonville, to the late Donald and Mary Perret and graduated from Robert E. Lee High School. He became President and owner of Perret Dairy, Inc. A devoted provider, Michael tirelessly worked to give his family the best. His love for old westerns and action-packed tales reflected his ability to blur the lines between reality and fiction, adding a touch of excitement to everyday life.

Michael, a fourth-degree member of the Knights of Columbus, was a very active and pivotal member of Our Lady Consolation Catholic Church, where he served on many committees including: President of the Parish Council, fried countless chicken dinners at the annual bazaar and dedicated weekends to tending to the yard. He loved the parish and was appointed the project building team member for the new church erected in 1998.

Michael was a man who embraced life's adventures with a passion for the outdoors and love for the water. He found joy in dove hunting, fishing, swimming and water skiing. A maestro in the kitchen and on the piano, he delighted in entertaining, creating an atmosphere where friends gathered around the kitchen table, which became a hub for meaningful conversations and shared moments.

Michael E. Perret, Sr. is survived by his former wife and mother of his children, Sandy Perret, with whom he shared 38 years of his life. Though their paths diverged, the memories of those years endure in the hearts of those who knew them. He is survived by his daughter Anne Marie (Kyle) Hamlin; and his son Michael E. Perret, Jr. Michael's legacy extends through his cherished granddaughters Mary Michaela Perret, Olivia Dettore Hamlin and Ahna Sophia Perret and step-granddaughter, Kyla Serrell Hamlin; his brother Charles A. Perret; and sisters Mary Francis O'Leary and Nora Anne Anderson.

A Catholic Mass of Christian Burial will be held Saturday, December 9 at 1 p.m. at Our Lady of Consolation Catholic Church in Callahan with Father Bui officiating. Following the service, the family invites friends and loved ones to a celebration luncheon in the fellowship hall.

In lieu of flowers, the family kindly requests donations to be made to Our Lady of Consolation Catholic Church Building Fund to honor Michael E. Perret, Sr.'s commitment to the church and the ongoing endeavors of the community.

Arrangements under the direction of Nassau Funeral Home, Callahan, 904-879-1770.

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