Michael Luther Fuqua, 74, of Callahan, passed away on Thursday, July 25, 2019 at his residence. He was born and raised in Lafayette, Georgia he was a son of the late Luther W. Fuqua and Ida Lockie Dover.

Immediately after graduating high school, Michael enlisted in the US Army where he served honorably in the Vietnam War. Upon returning to Georgia following his service in the military, Michael went to work for Hershey’s Chocolate and then worked as a brick mason for many years up until earlier this year. He also worked at Batt Family Fun Center doing repairs and renovations.

Michael was known as a hard worker, a loving family man and he never met a stranger. He loved Christmas and made the holidays special for his generosity and giving nature. His smile would light up every room he entered. In his spare time, Michael enjoyed fishing, bowling, drinking Dr. Pepper and trying his luck at the dog track. Above all, he loved his wife of 30 years, Patricia, and his family.

Michael is preceded in death by his parents; his brother Stephen Fuqua; and nephew Duane Waugh.

He leaves behind his loving wife, Patricia Fuqua of Callahan; sons Earl F. ‘Eric’ (Christine) VelDink of Gainesville and Phillip (Donna) VelDink of Jacksonville; sister Elaine (Jack) Dodgen of Rock Mart, Georgia; his aunt Myra Beck; cousins Rhonda (Billy) Weathington, Vicki Daughtry, Donna Grogan Higdon and Romy (Sharon) Dover; and nieces Angie (Rex) Lester and Cindy (Timmy) Fason; and many nieces, nephews, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

The funeral service was held Monday, July 29 in the Burgess Chapel of Oxley-Heard. The family received friends prior to the service at the funeral home.

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