

ORAN HORACE RUSHING



Oran Horace Rushing, aka Johnny Carroll, passed away Saturday, March 11, 2023 following a long illness. Johnny has gone on for his final fight for the Lord to win souls and is finally free. Mr. Rushing was born on April 17, 1929 in Bonifay, Florida to W.C. Rushing and Hilda



Lash Rushing. Mr. Rushing started boxing at age 11. He was a graduate of Andrew Jackson High School class of 1948. In the fall of 1948, he was drafted in to the US Army, but decided to join the US Air Force in Special Services. He was a boxing coach during his time in the service. In 1948, he was ranked 12th in the world, Jr. Welterweight, by the boxing Bible of Ring Magazine. Johnny was instrumental in helping to bring to Jacksonville the local chapter of the National Boxing Association during the 1960's. Mr. Rushing retired from boxing in 1967. He served 10 years on the Duval County Road Patrol; and 11 years as a Bailiff for the Honorable Judge Haddock until finally retired as a drug counselor in the State Rehabilitation Drug Program with the Salvation Army in 2003. Mr. Rushing enjoyed attending and was a devoted member of the Gospel Lighthouse Church. He loved spending time with his family, enjoyed spending time in his yard, looking out the window, talking to and visiting old friends. He was an avid sports fan who loved watching golf, and the Florida Gators. He was preceded in death by his beautiful loving wife, Mary Carol Rushing; son Scotty Rushing; stepson Lee St. John; daughter Debra (Dubie) Daniels; and his beloved dog Odis.

He is survived by his stepchildren that he loved and cared for as his own, June St. John (Phyllis), Robyn (Mike) Crawford and Lisa (David) Bennett; 16 grandchildren, 38 great-grandchildren, and one great-great-granddaughter; two children Janice and Jimmy; along with his love and companion, his dog Tootie.

A celebration of his life was held Thursday, March 16 at Giddens-Reed Funeral Home. Interment followed at Jacksonville National Cemetery. The family received friends prior to the service.

Arrangements by Giddens-Reed Funeral Home, Baldwin, 904-266-2337.

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