

PAUL O. PARRISH



September 26, 2019 the Lord welcomed Paul O. Parrish, of Callahan, home. The Lord knew He was gaining an angel that loved the Lord with every ounce of his being. He was a man that loved his wife, children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, friends and some strangers, with a 'Christ like' love that was unmatched and sometimes undeserved. A man that you knew if he said, "I'm praying for you" HE WAS! A man that worked hard until the day he went home to be with Jesus. He was a Korean War Veteran who proudly served his country in the US Army.

But the Lord gained a "celebrity" of sorts as well. Paul O. Parrish (aka: Daddy, Papa, Brother Paul, Mr. P, Mr. Paul, Mr. Parrish) was the creator of the one and only "Guitar String Fred," a master bird house builder, the owner of the most magical workshop ever, the one who executed "dig turnip" and "ride a little horsey" with the grandchildren better than anyone. The grower of vegetable gardens that somehow turned into a field of sunflowers, the self-taught guitar player that could entertain folks endlessly with old gospel hymns, the keeper of grandchildren's "secrets," the "sharer of snacks" and not telling Grandmother. He was a "treasure" to those that had the fortune of knowing and loving him. Heaven, is without a doubt, brighter as a result of his arrival! And this earth is a little less bright as a result of his departure. Loved and cherished more than mere words can express, he will be missed immensely. We will "see you later Papa!"

Paul is survived by his loving wife of 68 years, Mary 'Worm' Parrish; daughter Brenda (David) Higginbotham; son Paul G. Parrish; daughter Cindy (Cliff) White; grandchildren Caleb, Justin (Danae), Randi, Erika, Patrick, Charli, Logan (Allen), Tyler (Jessie), Cullen, Joshua, DJ and Brett; great-grandchildren Audrey, Emily, Cayden, Savannah and Emma Kate.

The family received friends Monday, September 30 at Callahan First Baptist Church. The funeral service was held Tuesday, October 1 also at the church with Pastor Lynn Hyatt officiating. Interment followed in Jacksonville National Cemetery.

Condolences may be expressed at www.nassaufh.com.

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