

**ROBERT OWEN SHUMATE, SR.**



Mr. Robert Owen Shumate Sr., 82, of Bryceville, passed away Thursday, April 18, 2019. Born in West Virginia, Mr. Shumate had been a Nassau County resident since 1975. He was an electrician and was employed by Smurfit Corporation in Jacksonville until the time of his retirement. Mr. Shumate was a member of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW) and he served as a deacon at Lighthouse Baptist Church in Bryceville, where he was a member. He was a devoted family man with a sense of humor. A hardworking man, he enjoyed doing electrical work for friends and neighbors just to stay active. Mr. Shumate was an avid outdoorsman who loved to fish, hunt, go camping or just spend time riding in the woods.

He is survived by his wife of 59 years, Iona Shumate; son Robby (Kim) Shumate of Bryceville; daughters Terri (Jimmy) Boyd of Callahan and DeDe (Doug) Hilaman of Bryceville; grandchildren Matt (Gayle) Boyd, Brad (Jenny) Boyd, Michelle (Dan) Stewart, Stephanie (Jeff) Waddell, Mark Shumate, Thomas Shumate, Kevin Hilaman and Max Hilaman; nine great-grandchildren; and his brother Melvin (Jane) Shumate. He was preceded in death by his daughter Valerie Shumate; parents Ira and Ora Mitchem Shumate; six brothers and two sisters.

Funeral services were held Monday, April 22 in the chapel of Prestwood Funeral Home with Reverend Joey Rountree officiating. The family received friends prior to the service.

In lieu of flowers, Mr. Shumate's family requests donations be made to the building fund of Lighthouse Baptist Church in Bryceville.

Arrangements are under the direction of Prestwood Funeral Home, Baldwin, 904-266-0072.

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