

ROBERT WESLEY RAU III



Robert “Bobby” Wesley Rau III, 73, passed away in his home in Callahan, Florida on October 20, 2021. Bobby graduated from Jean Ribault High School, was a SGT in the Army Signal Corps, and later earned a degree in business from Jones College in Jacksonville.



He worked at AT&T then later joined the SAMS Club as an associate. His big smile and willingness to help others shone in all that he did. Bobby was well known by the things he loved most, his faith, his family, and his community. Bobby was an active member of Faith Baptist Church in Jacksonville where he served and sang. It can be said of his life *“For if we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord. So then, whether we live or die, we are the Lord’s.”* Romans 14:8.

Bobby was an integral part of the Callahan community. He joined the Callahan Volunteer Fire Department in 1979 and served as its Fire Chief from 1981-1989. Bobby then joined the City Council in 1994 where he served until 2014, moving to the role of President from 2003-2014. His tenure on council ended when he had the honor of serving as Callahan’s Mayor from 2014-2018.

Bobby is preceded in death by his sons, Jimmy Hall and Scott Hall; parents, Frank and Eloise Hall and Robert Rau II; two siblings, Ronnie Rau, Cindy Studt (Robert).

Bobby is survived by the love of his life, Penny, celebrating their 50th anniversary this year; son, Christopher; daughter-in-law, Denise; six siblings, Stephanie (Glenn) Whiddon, Marcus (Debra) Rau, Kathryn (Butch) Hartman, Sandra Thompson (Jim – deceased), Tim (Laura) Rau and Franke (Terry) Padgett. Bobby was also the proud Papa of six grandchildren, Micah, Micaela, Anna, Nicholas, Aubriel and Chloe and one great-grandchild, Angel. In addition, he is survived by many nieces, nephews and cousins. Bobby was the rock of this family and will be greatly missed.

Family received friends on Monday, October 25 at Nassau Funeral Home in Callahan. A celebration of Bobby’s life was held on Tuesday, October 26 at Faith Baptist Church. Interment followed at Campbell Family Cemetery in Greenville, Florida.

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

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