

### **ROLAND E. VANGORDER, JR.**



Roland (Ronnie) Ernest VanGorder, Jr., 62, went to his heavenly home on September 16, 2020 following a lengthy illness. Ronnie was born September 23, 1957 in Byron, Michigan to the late Roland and Genevieve Henry VanGorder. He served 4 years in the United States



Army as a Diesel Mechanic. He had a love for classic cars and motorcycles, but his passion was serving the Lord. He was a faithful member of Calvary Baptist Church where he served in many areas, but mainly in the Awana program as a leader and then a Commander. If you asked Ronnie what his greatest accomplishment was in his life he would say “Accepting his Lord Jesus Christ as his Savior” and his family. He always said his family was his life.

He was preceded in death by his stepmother Bessie Herrick; sister Cindy VanGorder; brother Terri Thayer; son Shawn Pettyjohn; and daughter Amanda VanGorder-Golob.

He is survived by his wife of 35 years, Effie VanGorder; four sons Ryan VanGorder, David (Ellie) Pettyjohn, Roland (Kim) VanGorder, III and Matthew (Alexis) VanGorder; daughter Alicia VanGorder (Dylan) Wiggins; daughter-in-law Rosanna (Robbie) Pettyjohn; brothers Mike (Dee) Thayer and David (Lisa) VanGorder; sister-in-law Marie (Eddie) Harris-McKinney; several grandchildren; nieces and nephews that he cherished more than life.

A celebration of his life service was held Wednesday, September 23 at Calvary Baptist Church with Pastors Jason and George Kratochvil officiating.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks for donations to be made in his memory to: Calvary Baptist Church to forward to Gideon Bible Ministry or to Wreaths Across America for the National Cemetery.

Arrangements by Integrity Funeral Home & Cremations, 904-654-4110.