

THOMAS ARTHUR KESSENGER



Thomas “Tom” Arthur Kessenger, 77, of Callahan, passed away August 28, 2022. He was born on May 24, 1945, in Louisville, Kentucky to the late Arthur Kessenger and Mary Catherine Goetzman Kessenger.

Tom was raised in Louisville and enlisted in the Army National Guard right out of high school. He has been a resident of Callahan since 1981. The Family Lines Merger of the L & N Railroad with Seaboard Systems is what brought Tom to the south. Tom retired from his career with CSX Transportation in 1999. Tom’s love of tractors and heavy equipment continued. Blacksmithing, thoroughbred horse competitions, boating and precision machining; he was always busy with some new project or his private ventures into business and design and manufacturing wooden bowl turning units, his Elephant Bowls company. Tom was only stymied by how big of a bowl he could turn. From Rail Supply Mechanic in the shops to Senior Facilities Engineer, he was proud of his workmanship. Whether a committee Vice Chairman in the LMAO, Locomotive Maintenance Association of Officers or cat wrangler, this methodical gentleman was thorough. Tom had a very inquisitive nature and was known for his precision in design and fabrication.

Tom is survived by his loving wife of 20 years, Theresa McGinniss Galloway.

A Mass service for Tom will be held Thursday, September 8 at 11 a.m. at Our Lady of Consolation Catholic Church with Father Bui officiating. Interment will follow at Jones Cemetery. The family will receive friends Wednesday, September 7 from 6 - 8 p.m. at Nassau Funeral Home.

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

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