

THOMAS BURCH



Thomas Burch, 84, of Callahan, passed away January 20, 2023 at his home. He was born November 28, 1938 in Dinsmore. He was the son of the late Leroy Burch and Rebecca Kirkland. Thomas attended school in Jacksonville and proudly served his country in the United States Army. He retired from the City of Jacksonville Water Department in 1994 with 33 years of service. Thomas enjoyed fishing, traveling all 50 United States and all of Canada (except the northwest), playing pool, square dancing, bluegrass music and old-time hymns. He also enjoyed watching his grandchildren and great-grandchildren play sports and riding competitions. Thomas was a former member and Greater Deacon of First Baptist Church of Gray Gables and later became a member of Callahan First Baptist Church. He is preceded in death by his parents; first wife Alice Burch; and daughter Donna Renee Burch.

Thomas is survived by his wife Christine Burch; children Lisa (David) Hicken, Teresa (Lynn) Kik, Michael Sirmans, Debbie James and Donna (Steve) Nickell; brothers Larry Burch, Steve Bozeman and Roy Burch; grandchildren Michael George, Ryan George, Thomas Hunter, Alicia (Chad) Libby, Tommy (Kristina) James, Kelli (Clay) Spivey, James (Sarah) Lynch, Cami Sirmans, Christopher Lynch and Tyler G. James; and 11 great-grandchildren.

A celebration of Thomas' life was held Wednesday, January 23 at Nassau Funeral Home with Dr. Lynn Hyatt officiating. Interment followed at Jones Cemetery, where he will be laid to rest by his late daughter and where military honors will be rendered. The family received friends prior to the service.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to Thomas' Sunday school class, Callahan First Baptist Faith Class, who will use the funds to support pregnant women through First Coast Women's Services, and survivors of domestic violence, human trafficking and homelessness through Totty's Totes.

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

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