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Thomas Edward Holland

Thomas Edward Holland, 71, passed from his earthly home to his heavenly reward on Saturday, June 8, 2019. Tommy was of Baptist faith. His love for the Lord kept his spirits high and all those around him. He was the son of the late Jesse Edward Holland and Myra Coleman Holland.

Tommy attended school at Jacksonville Beach until his senior year and moved to Folkston. He finished his senior year at Charlton County High School in 1966. After school he proudly enlisted in the United States Air Force. He was stationed in Udorn, Thailand and rose to the rank of Sergeant. He served 4 years of active duty and two years of reserves. He and Jackie Howell married in 1971 and had a son in 1974. Tommy worked for Humphries Mining Company for a short time, then worked for Linder Industrial Machinery for almost 30 years. He was last employed with Tim-Prep until his retirement. Tommy loved helping people and never met a stranger. He served as a volunteer firefighter for the Ratliff Community for nearly 20 years. Some of his greatest joys were mud bogging, camping and spending time with friends and family and watching NASCAR with his buddies Norman and Tracy.

Tommy is survived by his son Greg (Rebekah) Holland; his grandchildren Landon Holland, Alexis Holland (Corey Crews); one great-grandchild Kynley Hope Crews; a sister Barbara (James) Lairsey; and his best friends Norman Connell, Tracy Cameron, Dan Wilson and his ex-wife and caregiver Jackie Holland; his many, many friends; and his dog Lucky.

Tommy left this world as he came into it, surrounded by people who loved him.

A memorial service was held Friday, June 21 at First Baptist Church Callahan. A celebration of life was later held.