

WALTER DONALD ADAMS



Walter Donald “Don” Adams passed away August 23, 2021 after an 8-year battle with ALS. He was born in Albany, Georgia on September 4, 1953. From the time he was diagnosed and throughout his ALS battle, he maintained a positive attitude, saying, "It could always be worse & what can you do." He was, and continues to be, an inspiration to all.

He played high school and college football, enjoyed playing and watching golf, and going to the beach. He attended the University of Kansas on a football scholarship. He later transferred to Washburn University to continue playing football, earning his degree in Business Administration and Computer Science. He moved to Jacksonville in 1979, where he met his wife Debi. He worked and retired as a butcher at Winn Dixie and went on to become a Financial Advisor, until diagnosed with ALS.

As his disease progressed, Mayo Clinic and Vitas Hospice provided support and comfort to his family. A special thank you, to the ALS department at Mayo and to Vitas hospice team, most notably nurse Connie, respiratory therapist Darlene, health aide Joe, ARNP Pia, and ARNP Donna (My Choice House-calls).

Debi and Don married in 1986 and continued to live a beautiful, fulfilled life for over 35 years. They enjoyed spending time with family and friends, trips to the mountains, and simply enjoying each other’s company. Don always tried to make things as easy as possible for his wife and caregiver, Debi. They never let ALS get in the way of having fun and enjoying each other, always keeping life interesting.

Don is survived by his wife Debi; brothers Jimmy (Cindy) Adams and Jack (Valerie) Jones; brother-in-law Sam (Sue) Henson; nephews and nieces Robby (Tina), Jami (Ralph), Brianne (Brad), Craig, Taz and Christopher; and great nephews Javy, Clay, Noah and Brady.

A celebration of life will be held at a later date.

Arrangements by Integrity Funeral Home and Cremations.