

WALTER FRED GNEISIG, JR.



Walter Fred Gneisig, Jr., 77, a beloved husband, father, grandfather, son and brother, embarked on his final journey on July 1, 2023. He leaves behind a legacy of love, laughter, and cherished memories that will forever be etched in the hearts of all who had the



privilege of knowing him.

He was born February 22, 1946 in Palo Alto, California. He lived a life filled with passion and purpose. He graduated from Paxon High School in 1964, where he was a member of the track and cross-country teams. Following graduation, he joined the US Navy, serving with pride and distinction as a Sea-Bee and later finding fulfillment as a skilled machinist at Coca-Cola, where he contributed his talents for many years before retiring in August, 2005.

Beyond his professional achievements, Fred was an avid outdoorsman. He embarked on countless adventures, finding joy in traveling across the country in his RV, visiting campgrounds, and making memories with family and friends. He was a lifelong member of the Jacksonville Gun Club. Whether it was visiting scenic landscapes or shooting sporting clays with his children and grandchildren, Fred embraced life with enthusiasm and a free spirit. Devoted to his faith and community, he was a cherished member of the First Baptist Church of Boulougne. Above all, Fred cherished his role as a family man. He was a loving and devoted husband, a nurturing and supportive father, and an adoring grandfather.

We extend our deepest gratitude for the prayers, love, and support shown during this difficult time. Your presence and condolences have provided strength and comfort to our family. May Fred's soul find eternal rest in the loving arms of the Lord, and may his memory continue to inspire us to walk in the paths of righteousness. Forever remembered, forever loved.

Fred is survived by his wife, Judy Faye Bryant Gneisig; son Thomas Fred (Michelle) Gneisig; daughter Kimberly Lynn Gneisig (Darrell) Long; grandson Hunter Thomas (Chrissy) Gneisig; granddaughters Rachael Marie Long (Todd) Johnson and Shelby Leigh Gneisig (Cameron) Smith; sister Mary Gneisig (Larry) Forbes; and brothers-in-law Kenneth Clyde Bryant and James E. Bryant.

He was predeceased by his parents, Walter Fred Gneisig and Dorothy Irene Durham Gneisig; sister Martha Gneisig Shaw; father and mother-in-law James W. and Retha V. Bryant; and brother-in-law Donald Bryant.

The family received friends Tuesday, July 11 at Hardage-Giddens Riverside Funeral Home, followed by the funeral service and Military funeral honors and committal service at Jacksonville National Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Community Hospice & Palliative Care, 4266 Sunbeam Road, Jacksonville, FL 32257, or give online at support.communityhospice.com.

Expressions of sympathy may be shared at www.hgriversidefuneralhome.com.