

### WAYNE ACTON SMITH



Wayne Acton Smith, 94, passed away peacefully on Thursday, December 22, 2022, surrounded by his family. He was born on May 20, 1928 in Alabama City, Alabama, to Dixie Lee and Jack Smith. In his late teens and early 20s, he served in the United States Navy for 4 years. After his discharge, he met Edith Builderback, the love of his life and they married on May 20, 1950 in Folkston, Georgia and relocated to Jacksonville. He worked as a shift engineer at St. Regis/International Paper and retired after 38 years. Wayne's talents were many, he loved photography, videography, fishing, bowling, golfing, gardening, camping and perfecting his talent of wood carpentry. He was a beloved husband, father, grandpa, great-grandpa and great-great-grandpa. He was an active leader in First Baptist Church of Callahan and a friend to many. He was predeceased by his parents Dixie Lee and Jack Smith; and his son Wayne A. Smith, Jr. (Victoria Smith).

He is survived by his wife of 72 years, Edith B. Smith; sister Jean Keebler; granddaughters Jennifer (Sam) Lucero and Kimberly Yawn; great-grandchildren Kathryn Stokes (Tyler) Hansel, Stephen Stokes (Kacey Ward) and Evan Stokes; and two great-great-granddaughters Ellie Stokes and Emma Stokes.

The family received friends prior to the celebration of life service held Thursday, December 29 at First Baptist Church Callahan. Interment followed at Arlington Park Cemetery.

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Arrangements by Arlington Park Cemetery, Jacksonville.