

### **WILLIAM 'BILL' BOYD WATTS**



William 'Bill' Boyd Watts, 70, of Callahan, passed away on June 11, 2021, following a long bout with cancer. He was born on February 19, 1951, to Woodrow and Annie Watts in Loris, South Carolina. Bill worked for Comcast for 21 years. He was a coach in Little League baseball and Pop Warner football. He was also a former president of the West Nassau Band Boosters. His greatest passion was being a volunteer firefighter. He volunteered for 29 years beginning with the Gray Gables VFD and ending at the Callahan VFD, where he served as Chief for the last 14 years. During his time with the fire department, he was very instrumental in recruiting many people to volunteer that went on to make it a career to serve. Over the years, he also helped raise money for the MDA through the Fill the Boot drives. Thousands of dollars were raised each year for MDA research.

Bill was preceded in death by his mother Annie; his father Woody; and his three brothers Larry, Charles and Paul.

He is survived by his loving wife of 51 years, Kathy; daughter Jamie Kuches of Callahan; sons Bill (Wendy) Watts of Jacksonville and Sean (Erin) Watts of St. Johns County; sister Ellen Vasquez; and seven grandchildren Esther, William, Lily, Christopher, Joel, Jonathan and Chase.

The family will receive friends Thursday, June 17 from 5-7 p.m. at Hardage-Giddens Funeral Home, 7242 Normandy Blvd., Jacksonville. The funeral service will be held Friday, June 18 at noon, also at the funeral home.

Hardage-Giddens Funeral Home assisted the family.