

### WILLIAM 'BILL' WALLACE, SR.



William 'Bill' Hagood Wallace, Sr., 87, of Bryceville passed away October 8, 2020 after a lengthy and hard-fought battle with cancer. He was born in Halifax, Virginia on August 27, 1933 to William Thomas Wallace and Elnora Loyd Wallace. He will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved him.



Bill enlisted in the US Navy in 1950, serving in the Korean War on the Heavy Cruiser, USS Rochester, where he remained until his honorable discharge in 1957. He was proud of his service to his country.

He moved to Jacksonville in 1959 and worked for Jacksonville Paper Company, more recently known as Unijax or Unisource for 25 years as a supervisor in their envelope division. He announced retirement, but then worked another 10 years for Maywell Paper Company before finally hanging up his work goggles. After retirement, he lived on his houseboat on the west side of Jacksonville for several years before settling down in Bryceville in 2007. His neighbors often saw him mowing his lawn with his dog riding in a basket on the hood of the lawnmower.

Bill loved all types of sports, especially fishing and Nascar. He named his pet poodle Rusty Wallace. At every chance he got, he would talk to total strangers in the grocery store about his dog, Rusty, and the fact that he had been on 87 cruises. He loved to gamble and the cruise lines loved him. He loved life.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his brother Prince (Annie) Wallace; his son Jerry (Tammy) Horton; and his daughter Peggy (Jack) Crews.

He is survived by three sons Joel (Linda) Horton, Randy (Nancy) Horton and William (Anne) Wallace, Jr.; daughter Kathy (Gene) Auton; 15 grandchildren; 27 great-grandchildren; his brother Lewis (Mary) Wallace; his sister Ruth (Thedford) Spencer; and generations of nieces and nephews; and his faithful dog Rusty.

The family received friends Tuesday, October 13 at Giddens-Reed Funeral Home in Baldwin. Interment was held Wednesday, October 14 at the Jacksonville National Cemetery on Lannie Road.

Condolences may be expressed at: [www.giddensreedfh.com](http://www.giddensreedfh.com).

Giddens Reed Funeral Home, Baldwin, was in charge of arrangements.