

WILLIE 'BUDDY' BARBER



Willie 'Buddy' Barber, 74, of Callahan, passed away on August 31, 2020 at Ed Fraser Memorial Hospital in Macclenny. He was born April 17, 1946 in Jacksonville, to the late George Newton Barber and Lora Elizabeth Landon Barber. Buddy was a resident of Callahan for 45



years and a member of First Baptist Church of Gray Gables. He graduated from Englewood High School in 1964. He later met the love of his life, Doris Kay Coffee. They were married on June 15, 1974. Buddy originally enlisted in the US Army and then continued service with the Army Reserves and National Guard. He retired with the 20th Special Forces Group with a total of 29 years honorable service. Buddy also enjoyed a lengthy and rewarding career as an electrician at Baptist Hospital Downtown for 37 years. He was an avid outdoorsman and enjoyed hunting, fishing and camping. Most of all Buddy was a family man with a huge family and grandchildren who adoringly referred to him as "Papa." Buddy is preceded in death by his parents; and sisters Mildred Wachenheim and Doris Strickland.

Buddy is survived by his loving wife of 46 years, Doris Kay Barber of Callahan; children Carole (Jon) Johnson of Macclenny and Mark (Sonja) Barber of Jacksonville; sister Mary Taylor of Hilliard; grandchildren Lyndi Johnson, Carly Johnson, Reese Phelps, Ivy Johnson and Xander Barber; also several nieces and nephews.

A Celebration of Buddy's life will be held Sunday, September 6 at 3 p.m. at First Baptist Church of Gray Gables in Callahan, with Pastor Cody Page officiating. The family will receive friends one hour prior to service at the church.

Arrangements by V. Todd Ferreira Funeral Services, Macclenny.

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