



Kenneth Jay Padgett

June 20, 1942 - August 28, 2025

Kenneth Jay Padgett, 83, of Tifton, died on August 28, 2025, at Southern Oaks Personal Care Home of Tifton.

Born on June 20, 1942 in Tift County- Mr. Padgett was the son of the late A.J Padgett and Miriam Frances (Spinks) Padgett. He married the late Martha Ruth (Greer) Padgett on February 10, 1968. In addition to his parents and wife- Kenneth was preceded in death by a sister- Melba Padgett Vickers. Kenneth attend Tift County Schools and continued his education while serving in the United States Armed Forces, which he completed in March of 1962. He was a Cpl.E-4 when discharged in September 24, 1962. He returned to Tifton and began workings at J.P. Stevens. While employed with J.P. Stevens, Kenneth enrolled in the ABAC Forestry Program. After completing the Forestry Program, he was offered a job with Louisiana-Pacific as a timber cruiser. He later began his own business as a Forester of Timber,-estimating, harvesting, marketing, and selling timber. Once he retired, he and Martha would take long road trips across the U.S to the West Coast. He enjoyed trying new cuisines across the country. After his wife passed, Kenneth continued his road trips, going solo, and even taking his three nieces and first cousin on his last trip.

Kenneth is survived by his three nieces- Shirley & Ricky Carrington, Wanda Horton, and Marsha & Travis Arrington, his great nephews and nieces- Rocky & Kim Carrington, Jocelyn & Jamie Tarrant, Emily & Seth Dale, Allison & Coty Hogan, great great nieces and nephews- Brantt & Amber Carrington, Brooke

& Beau Stone, Jayden Wall, Lucas Wall, Preslee Tarrant, Thomas Dale, Elliott Dale, - and many special cousins.

The family would like to thank Southern Oaks Personal Care Home for the care and support that they provided, as well as Carol Bell, Suzanne Dunn, and Sue Sutton.

A private family graveside service will be held.