



## Shine Fleetwood Rankin Sr

August 15, 1955 - February 26, 2024

Shine Fleetwood Rankin Sr., 68, of Tifton died peacefully at home on Monday, Feb. 26, 2024 from vascular dementia. Private graveside services for immediate family will be held at 11 a.m. on Friday, Mar. 8 at Oakridge Cemetery with the Rev. Jay Roberson officiating. Born August 15, 1955 in Tifton, Mr. Rankin was the son of Homer Meade Rankin and Lutrelle “Weetie” Tift Rankin, both deceased. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his beloved wife of 38 years, Florence Ridgdill Rankin, and by two sisters, Anne Lebbly Rankin and Lutrelle “Princess” Tift Rankin.

Mr. Rankin grew up at Lake Wisteria, where he loved waterskiing and fishing. He was educated in the Tifton public schools and attended Abraham Baldwin College and Valdosta State University. He was a pressman at the Tifton Gazette and the Valdosta Daily Times and for several years ran his own printing company. He enjoyed flying radio-controlled hobby airplanes and was devoted to his disabled son.

Mr. Rankin is survived by his much loved wife, Debbie Fletcher; daughter and son-in-law, Elizabeth Rankin Milner and Jason Bradley Milner of Marriottsville, MD.; four sons and two daughters-in law, Shine Fleetwood Rankin Jr. and Susan Beaty Rankin of Tifton, John Stewart Rankin and Heather Holtz Rankin of Oceanside, CA., Drew Gregory Rankin of Forest Lake, MN. and Homer Meade Rankin IV of Jesup; four brothers and sisters-in-law, Royal Forbes Rankin and Debra Connor Rankin and Thomas Lebbly Rankin and Susan Whittington Rankin, all of Tifton, Meade McClennan Rankin and Crystal

Raines Rankin of West Palm Beach, FL, and John Duncan Rankin and Karen McDaniel Rankin of Seale, AL; a sister, Lyn Rankin Pate of Tifton; and six grandchildren, John Bradley "Jack" Milner, Henry Tift Milner, Cayden Bailey Rankin, Maddie Grace Rankin, Noah Grayson Rankin and Adeline "Ally Mae" Rankin . In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Easter Seals of Tift County, 1402 Tift Ave. N., Tifton, GA 31794.

# Previous Events

## Graveside

MAR 8. 11:00 AM (ET)

Oakridge Cemetery

Magnolia DR

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TIFTON, GA 31794-4008

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# Tribute Wall

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“ Prayers to Shine's family 🙏🙏🙏

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