



James Michael Shields

September 10, 1951 - September 2, 2024

US Army 1st Sgt. James Shields passed from this life on September 2, 2024 at his home in Ocala, Florida, after an extended illness.

He was born on September 10, 1951, the son of Donald Shields and Betty Ferree. He leaves behind his wife Virginia Gail Shields (Porter), children Andrew Pawley, (Kim), James M. Shields Jr. (Elizabeth), Kimberly Shields, John L. Shields (Sarah Dillman) Michael Rutledge (Tailor), and Katelyn Shields. Grandchildren, Alexandria and Samantha Pawley, Morgan and Lydia Shields, Tristen and Jonathan Fields, Annalise Jacobs, and Jaxson Santiago. He has one surviving brother Danny Shields (Kathy). He was preceded in death by his parents and one brother-in-law, Michael Porter.

James is a 1970 graduate of Bloomington (IN) High School. He is retired from the United States Army and is a veteran of the Viet Nam conflict. James retired from the United States Army in 1997. He operated heavy equipment while in the engineers in Viet Nam. He was a talented mechanic and worked during his time in the service in helicopter armament repair systems. He particularly enjoyed his deployments to Germany and Hawaii.

His friendliness and wit will be sorely missed by his family as well as his presence with them at NASCAR races over a large part of the country.

Visitation will be Monday, September 9 from 9:30-10:30 at Robert's Funeral Home, 606 SW 2nd Avenue, Ocala Florida with a service to follow. Internment will be at Bushnell National Cemetery, Bushnell, Florida.

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 9. 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM (ET)

Roberts of Ocala Downtown Chapel
606 SW 2nd Ave
Ocala, FL 34471
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Funeral Service

SEP 9. 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM (ET)

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Graveside Service with Military Honors

SEP 9. 1:00 PM - 1:30 PM (Est)

Florida National Cemetery
6502 SW 102nd Avenue
Bushnell, FL 33513