



## Ronald Lee O'Laughlin

November 22, 1954 - January 23, 2022

Ronald L. O'Laughlin, 67, of Ocala, passed away surrounded by family on January 23 at Ocala Regional Medical Center following a brief illness. He was born November 22, 1954 in Springfield, Illinois and had lived in Ocala since 1960. He was a graduate of Forest High School, and attended Central Florida Community College (now College of Central Florida) where he served as Student Body President. He had a passion for music and playing guitar. He performed professionally throughout Marion County with the band, Paladen, and also played at various venues in the United States with The Peyton Brothers, a bluegrass band. Ron was also a licensed contractor, and worked at Center State Construction for 20 years as Construction Manager. He enjoyed travel, and would hit the open road with his partner, Brenda Smith, in their motor home. But perhaps his greatest joy came from spending time with his children and grandchildren.

Ron was preceded in death by his father, Donald L. O'Laughlin. He is survived by his mother, Alberta O'Laughlin, brother Jerry O'Laughlin (DeLane), his loving, longtime partner, Brenda Locke Smith, former wife, Elaine (Gay) O'Laughlin, son Christopher O'Laughlin (Jennifer), daughter Kimberly Glancy (Sean), grandchildren Noah O'Laughlin, Eli O'Laughlin, Maggie O'Laughlin, and Ada Glancy.

No formal services are planned, but friends are invited to meet and share memories of Ron from 11-Noon this Saturday, January 29 at Roberts Funeral Home East Chapel, 2739 SE Maricamp Road (behind First Baptist Church). In

lieu of flowers, the family suggests a donation in Ron's name to your favorite charity.