



Benjamin Ray Watkins

August 24, 1948 - September 30, 2017

Benjamin Ray Watkins, age 69, of Russellville, passed away on Saturday, September 30, 2017 at Riverview Regional Medical Center in Gadsden. Mr. Watkins proudly served his country in the US Army during the Vietnam War. He was awarded the National Defense Service Medal, the Vietnam Service Medal, the Vietnam Campaign Medal, and a Purple Heart. The visitation will be 1:00 ? 2:00 p.m. Tuesday, October 03, 2017 at Spry Memorial Chapel. The funeral will follow at 2:00 p.m. in the chapel with Bro. Gary Yielding and Bro. Scott Delashaw officiating. Burial will be at Vandiver Hollow Cemetery in Tuscumbia with full military honors. He was preceded in death by his parents, Joseph & Mary Jane Watkins; father-in-law, A.G. Dill; and two brothers, Stanley Watkins and Leroy Watkins. He leaves to cherish his memory, his wife, Amanda Dill Watkins; his son, Alan Watkins (wife, Cheryl), of Stapleton, AL; step-children, Jada Wilson (husband, Brandon), of Phil Campbell, Jeremy Smith of Florence; grandchildren, Morgan Watkins, Madegan Watkins; step-grandchildren, Brandon Clayton, Brayden Wilson, Bentley Wilson, Maddie Cooper; siblings, Carrie Meek, Muscle Shoals, Mary Bracken, Tuscumbia, Elizabeth Wood, Cherokee, Elisie Costantino, Florence, Wilda Massey, Illinois; mother-in-law, Betty Dill; and a host of nieces & nephews. Spry Memorial Chapel assisted the family.