



Thomas Alton Howard

August 19, 1944 - July 22, 2019

Thomas Alton Howard, age 74, of Russellville, passed away on Monday, July 22, 2019 following an extended illness.

Mr. Howard was born August 19, 1944 in Belgreen, Alabama to Robert T.L. & Lottie Howard. He graduated from Belgreen High School in 1963, and went on to serve his country in the U.S. Army in 1965- 1967 during the Vietnam War. He was stationed in Saigon and later worked in the Pentagon as a switchboard operator. He married Shirley Edmond on December 23, 1966 and enjoyed 52 years of marriage. He attended Northwest Junior College and University of North Alabama. He was a hardworking man who enjoyed working as a meat cutter for 45 years and was always friendly to everyone he met. He was a member of Russellville Church of Christ.

The visitation will be 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Tuesday, July 23, 2019 at Spry Memorial Chapel. The funeral will follow at 1:00 p.m. in the chapel.

Officiating will be Bro. Mike Morrow. Burial will be at Franklin Memory Gardens.

He leaves to cherish his memory, his wife of 52 years, Shirley Edmond Howard; children, Lance Howard, Michael Howard (wife, Sharon), Johnna Morrow (husband, Michael); grandchildren, Katie & Ethan Howard, Jessica & Jodie Morrow; brothers, Delon Howard, Arnell Howard (wife, Lisa); father-in-law, John Edmond; brother-in-law, Graton Hester; and numerous nieces & nephews.

He was preceded in death by his father, Robert T.L. Howard; mother, Lottie

Bolton Howard; four brothers and three sisters.

The family would like to extend a special thanks to the nurses and staff of Kindred Hospice.

In lieu of flowers, please consider making a donation to the Rustic Youth Camp (RYC) or to St. Jude's Children Hospital.

Spry Memorial Chapel assisted the family.

Tribute Wall

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“ *Uncle Thomas was a wonderful man and will be missed forever. We will miss his smile, his kind heart and gentleness. Our deepest condolences to our family. We will keep you all in our prayers. Rest in peace sweet Uncle, we love you.* ”

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