



James B Goodson

September 8, 2022

James Brown Goodson III of Keystone Heights, Florida, passed away September 4, 2022, in the comfort of his home in Keystone Heights. Visitation and Funeral will be held at First United Methodist Church, 419 NE 1st St., Gainesville, FL at noon on Friday, September 9th. Pastor Beth Starr of First Methodist Church officiating.

Burial will follow at Evergreen Cemetery, SE 21st Ave., Gainesville, FL. Forrest Meadows Funeral Home of Gainesville is handling the funeral arrangements.

James was born in Gainesville to James Brown Goodson Jr. and Helen Goodson on December 27, 1938. He attended local elementary school and Gainesville High School and went on to get his AA at Santa Fe College. James joined the Navy in 1956 and was stationed in Long Beach, CA. After leaving the Navy James pursued a career as a pipe fitter and became a supervisor for the Fluor Corporation which took him to work in many different countries all over the world with his wife Jeanne. Together they had some incredible adventures and made many great memories.

James was a huge sports fan and rarely missed watching a Gator game whether home or abroad. His love and compassion for animals came straight from his heart.

James enjoyed his retirement in their beautiful lake home in Keystone Heights where he was visited often by his daughters, 7 grandchildren, and 13 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, James and Helen Goodson; and is survived by his wife, Jeanne Goodson; daughter, and son-in-law, Lori Burk-Pelcher & Randy Pelcher; daughter, Laura Goodson, & Jeri Mantivoni; grandchildren, Tony Pawlik Kaylee Burk, Scott Burk, Brianna O'Steen, Corie Pelcher Ochs, Casie Pelcher Yorti, Michael Pelcher, and 13 great-grandchildren