



James Russell Eley

May 21, 1949 - May 25, 2021

James Russell Eley, 71, of Center Hill, Florida passed away on May 25, 2021. He was born May 21, 1949 in Clermont, Florida. James was a member of the Bay Lake Baptist church, an FFA alumni member, and a softball coach and sponsor for South Lake Travel Ball. He enjoyed hunting and fishing.

He is survived by daughter: Julie (Bobby) Azcano of Clermont, FL; girlfriend of 21 years: Mary Bushong of Center Hill, FL; grandchildren: Alexandria (Chris) Dwyer of Cookeville, TN, Zachary Fender of Glacier Park, MT, Caroline Nichols of Groveland, FL, Robert "Tre" Azcano of Clermont, FL, Ava Azcano of Clermont, FL; great-grandchildren: Kinsley, Braden, Carson; mother of his children: Joy L. Eley of Groveland, FL; sisters: Connie Gehlbach of Leesburg, FL, Linda Jarrett of Dallas, TX, Johnni Kay Maguire of Clermont, FL, many nieces, nephews, and extended family.

He was preceded in death by his daughter: Jamie Nichols.

In lieu of flowers, please consider making a donation to the American Heart Association.

Jame's service is going to be Thursday, June 3 at 11:30 at the Florida National Cemetery. The family will meet at the funeral home at 10:30 to ride in procession.

Arrangements entrusted to Beyers Funeral Home of Bushnell, Florida.