



Junior Vance Murray

February 9, 1934 - September 13, 2024

Junior Vance Murray of Grand Island, FL passed away peacefully on September 13, 2024.

Junior, the eldest son of Walter Vance Murray, and Katie Murray, was born in West Palm Beach, FL and spent the majority of his life in South Miami, FL. Following a 3-year enlistment in the army where he was assigned to the 82nd Airborne as a paratrooper, he moved to South Miami with his first wife Barbara (Greenfield).

While working as a roofer in the Miami area, he came to the realization that he could be working for himself. Soon after, Murray Roofing, Inc. was established and for over 30 years Murray Roofing crews put roofs on thousands of homes and businesses throughout South Florida.

Junior also found time to pursue a number of other passions. Junior was an avid and successful race car driver. The orange #4 was a mainstay on the South Florida racing scene, winning multiple driver and series championships over many years.

When he wasn't competing on oval tracks, Junior showed the same competitive fire on the golf course. Not content to just play on Sunday afternoons, Junior was a sought-after bet in many pro-am Nassau

tournaments. An unquenchable passion, Junior was hitting golf balls until the very end, never tiring of trying to perfect his swing.

Junior was preceded in death by his first wife Barbara; a brother, J. C. Murray; and two sisters, Betty Jean (Gaddy), and Louise Murray; a son Michael Scott Murray; and a step-daughter Debbie Jean Smith.

He is survived by his second wife of over 50 years, Faye Murray (Stiles); daughter, Toni Gail (Southard) and her husband John; daughter, Tina Louise (Parker) and her husband Ken; son Ronald Wayde Murray and his wife Lisa; step-daughter, Tracy Lynne (Ray) and her husband J.R.; step-son Howard Denson Smith and his wife Christina; and some 15 grandchildren and 23 great grandchildren.

His ashes will be interred at the Florida National Cemetery in Bushnell, FL. A private memorial service will be held by the family.

Arrangements entrusted to Beyers Funeral Home of Leesburg, Florida.

Cemetery Details

Florida National Cemetery

6502 SW 102nd Avenue
Bushnell, FL 33513

Tribute Wall

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“ A memory of mine is when I was 11 years old and he started building stock cars in our carport. The whole neighborhood was buzzing, and I became very popular that my dad was a race car driver. He was very particular about how his car looked and one day he took me out to show me he had painted "Miss Gail" over the driver's side window. I was so proud that day, and all the times we watched him race.

Toni Gail Southard - October 02, 2024 at 08:31 PM

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“ My most cherished memories were watching him race. GO DAD we screamed until we were hoarse. Don't eat peanuts and don't wear green. I loved my Dad. RIP

Tina Parker - October 01, 2024 at 07:45 PM