



Kenneth Earl Smithgall, Jr.

February 21, 1944 - November 20, 2018

Kenneth "Ken" Earl Smithgall Jr., 74, returned to his heavenly home on November 20, 2018. His devotion to his family and his firm belief in God supported him in his struggle and ultimately gave him peace.

Ken was born on February 21, 1944, to the late Ken and Doris Smithgall Sr., a parts manager for Cadillac and Post Clerk, in Wellsboro PA. He graduated from Leesburg High School as a football legend and studied at an art institute in NYC.

Ken was blessed with a loving family. He married his best friend and high school sweetheart Caroline "Kitty" in Lady Lake, FL where they raised their 2 children. Ken retired from Publix in the 80s and then moved back to Lady Lake where he opened and operated Smithgall's Country Store, where he employed many friends and family in the community. Ken also owned a successful lawn care and landscaping business for many years. Ken enjoyed gardening, trips to the mountains, and was a die-hard Florida Gator football fan. He is dearly missed by his loved ones.

Ken is survived by his beloved sister Barbara Toler; his children Kenneth Earl Smithgall III and Susan G. Ergle; and his grandchildren, Kenneth Earl Smithgall IV, Caylee Nicole Smithgall, Ethan Ergle, and Mason Ergle. He is preceded in death by his wife Caroline "Kitty", and his parents.

A celebration of life will be held at the Lady Lake Chapel of Beyers Funeral Home on Saturday, December 8th at 10:30 AM located at 134 N HWY 27/441 Lady Lake, FL 32159