



## Stephen J Madere III

December 29, 1945 - February 24, 2025

Stephen J. Madere III, 79, of Groveland, Florida passed away peacefully on February 24, 2025 joining his loving wife, Susie. He was born in Vero Beach, Florida to Stephen J. II and Kathleen Madere on December 29, 1945. Stephen was a dedicated servant and beloved member of the community. Stephen served as the volunteer fire chief of the Center Hill Fire Department for an impressive 32 years, and his commitment extended to the entire Sumter County which makes him the longest serving volunteer Fire Chief ever in Sumter County. He was a proud member of the National Wild Turkey Federation and Ducks Unlimited (NWTFDU). Stephen loved the outdoors, and was an avid fisherman and hunter. His memory lives on in the memories of those fishing trips and hunting expeditions that brought so much happiness into his life and others. He is survived by his daughter: Pamela (Dan) Barrett of Groveland, Florida; Sons: Steve (BobbieJo) Roesel of Rincon, Georgia; Thomas (Cheryl) Roesel of Bushnell, Florida; Taw Norton of Lake Panasoffkee Florida; Sisters: Gail (Ronnie) Madere of Birmingham, Alabama; Leslie (Mike) Scott of Hendersonville, North Carolina; 15 grandchildren, and 23 great grandchildren. He is preceded in death by his wife Susie of 47 years, Brother Danny Madere of Metairie, Louisiana, and Sister Sharon Reid of Birmingham, Alabama. A service will be at a later date. Condolences may be sent to the family at [www.purcellfuneralhome.com](http://www.purcellfuneralhome.com). Arrangements have been entrusted to Purcell Funeral Home, Bushnell, Florida.



# Tribute Wall



“ *Sending love, hugs and prayers for comfort to family and friends during this time of grief.* ”



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