



## William R. VanDalen

April 23, 1943 - December 1, 2021

William R. VanDalen "Van", passed away on December 1, 2021. He was born April 23, 1943 in Little Chute, Wisconsin, the son of William A. VanDalen and Mary (Tappa) VanDalen. William was an airplane mechanic for Air Force from 1962 until 1966, during the Vietnam War. In 1970, he began his career with Walt Disney World. He was part of the opening team when Walt Disney World opened in 1971. After 46 years, he retired from Walt Disney World, in 2016.

William was predeceased by his parents, William A. VanDalen and Mary (Tappa) VanDalen.

Surviving is his wife, Joyce VanDalen of Astatula, FL., his children, Tamela S. Yeomans of Astatula, FL., Rhonda L. Crecelius and husband Larry of Leesburg, FL., Lisa M. Bates and husband Tony of Panama City, FL., Jessie D. Waters and husband James of Tavares, FL, Jesse "Ronnie" Strickland of Astatula, FL., Eric A. Strickland of Astatula, FL., grandchildren, Whitney Bostwick, Andrea Crecelius, Alice "Katie" Crecelius, Dexter Bates, Gunner Bates, James "Clayton" Waters, William "Billy" Strickland and Summer Strickland and his great grandchildren, Aaliyah Crecelius, Jaxon Bostwick and Kelyn Bates. His brothers Richard VanDalen of Leesburg, FL. And Lester VanDalen of Loveland, Co., His sisters, Patti Gotschild of Appleton, WI, Bonnie Weiss of Appleton, WI and Debbie Eberhardy of Appleton, WI.

Visitation will begin at 10:00 am, Beyers Funeral Home, 1123 W. Main St., Leesburg, FL with services at 11:30 am, Friday, December 17, 2021. He will be laid to rest following the services at the Florida National Cemetery, 6502 SW 102nd Ave., Bushnell, FL. 33513.