

James Walter Likens, 81, of Dunnellon, FL passed away September 18, 2023 under the loving care of his family and Marion County Hospice. He was born on June 15, 1942 to Westley and Marietta Likens in Belaire, OH. He served his country under the direction of the US Army. James was a mechanic for most of his life, working for PanAm and American Airlines. He became a diesel mechanic and worked on vehicles until retirement. James was an active member of the Ft. Cooper Baptist Church in Inverness, FL. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his adopted mother Sarah Myers Likens; siblings Gerald, Robert, Don, Martha, Charles and Theresa. Survivors include his loving wife of 60 years, Erline Likens; daughter Tammie Phillips and her husband Woody; grandchildren Andrew, Stephen, Joshua, Rachel, Rebekah, and Melanie; great-grandchildren Kaylee, Sophia, Sydney, Peyton and Trinity. Family will receive friends for visitation from 10-11AM, with a funeral service beginning at 11AM, Friday, September 22, 2023 at the Ft. Cooper Baptist Church in Inverness, FL. Burial at the Florida National Cemetery in Bushnell, FL will follow with full military honors. Brown Funeral Home & Crematory in Lecanto, FL in charge of arrangements.