

Marion Jefferson “Jeff” Deason, Jr., of Hernando, FL passed away November 11, 2023 at home surrounded by his family. Jeff was born in Dallas, TX on November 12, 1939 to Marion, Sr. and Beverly Deason. He was the oldest of 4 children. Duke as he was known, was quite the fetching young man while attending Woodrow Wilson High School in Dallas, TX. Soon after graduation, he enlisted in the US Army and was stationed in many places including Okinawa, Korea, Germany and Maryland. He was a Vietnam Veteran. He retired in 1977 (20 years and 8 days later) as a Staff Sargeant (E-6) having earned the Meritorious Service Medal and 6 awards of Good Conduct over his career. He was a Direction-Finding Operator, Non Morse Code Communication Interceptor, Morse Code Interceptor, Traffic Analyst for NSA (we think... He said “he would have to kill us if...”). Jeff was the best father and husband ever. He ran soccer sidelines carrying Gus in the Goose and coached 100 baseball teams, attended tennis matches, worked in band booster concession stands, attended countless band concerts and school plays, and survived a band trip to Washington D.C. He worked as Santa Claus, a magician, a clown, and many other characters to support his family. At 42, Jeff completed a Bachelor of Nursing at the University of Texas and spent the next forever as a nurse at UT Health Center Tyler and Good Shepherd Medical Center Longview. His peers and patients tolerated his funny stories and mostly funny jokes. He was dedicated to his patients and their families. He retired years later, moving to Florida to provide comfort and help for his mother-in-law, Louise. His “dash” was filled with love, service and compassion for others. Jeff was preceded in death by his parents, Jeff Sr. and Beverly and his daughter Kimberlee Deason-Muse.



Left to honor his memory (and excited heirs to his HUGE coconut collection) are his wife Janet Deason of Hernando, FL; siblings, Beverly Herrick and Woody Deason; children, D’Ann Krieger, Marion Jefferson Deason, III (Stephanie), Nathan Deason (Dena), Aaron Deason (Mary) Jason Harper (Deann), Sara Harper (Shane) and Les Deason; grandchildren, Rebecca Krieger, Rachael Krieger, David Krieger, Mallory Alavarez, Michael Muse, Maddie Jensen, Justin Deason, Bryan Deason, Bryce Deason, Brionna Deason, Gemma Owens and Benjiam Owens; 2 step grands Sophia and Penny Harper; 11 great-grandchildren and 1 great—great-grandchild; many nieces, nephews, cousins and his family friend Joseph Cole as well as Joe’s dogs Toby and Apollo.

Please join us in a celebration of life on Tuesday, November 21, 2023 at First Hernando Baptist Church in Hernando, FL. Family will receive friends from 10AM - 10:30AM with a service beginning at 10:30AM. Burial will follow at 1PM, at the Florida National Cemetery in Bushnell, FL with full military honors.

Brown Funeral Home & Crematory in charge of cremation arrangements.