



## Jimmie Ray Stanford

January 31, 1942 - June 4, 2022

Jimmie Ray Stanford, 80, of Venice Florida passed away on June 4, 2022 surrounded by his wife and daughters.

Jimmie was born in Wauchula, Florida on January 31, 1942 to Lenward and Agnes Stanford.

Jimmie attended Wauchula High School, and shortly before graduation, he went into the Army. Jimmie was part of the military police k-9 unit stationed in Germany, and was later transferred to Vietnam. During his time in Vietnam, Jimmie was wounded and carried the shrapnel in his back for the rest of his life; he was awarded a purple heart.

On July 30, 1968 Jimmie married the love of his life, Eva, and had 2 beautiful daughters. They were married just shy of 54 years.

Jimmie went to work for the Division of Forestry in 1971 as a forest ranger fighting forest fires in Sarasota and surrounding counties before retiring in 1998.

Jimmie was preceded in death by his father Lenward and sister Mae Alison.

Jimmie is survived by his wife Eva Stanford, daughters Katherine (John)

Machanska and Stephanie (David) Kazal, his grandson Joshua Wendland and granddaughter Danielle Johnson, his Mother Agnus Stanford, and brother Terry (Melissa) Stanford.

Services will be held at Sarasota National Cemetery on June 28, 2022 at 11:30 am.

Please do not send flowers, as the National cemetery has restrictions on them. In lieu of flowers, please consider making a donation to the National Cancer Society in his name.