



Don J. Bethancourt

January 2, 1940 - October 8, 2022

Don J. Bethancourt, age 82, passed away on October 8, 2022 in Tallahassee, Florida where he has called home for nearly 50 years. He was born on January 2, 1940 in New Orleans, Louisiana to parents Paul and Mary Battle Bethancourt. Don later studied wildlife biology at LSU and obtained his Masters. He then began a passionate career in the United States Forest Service. He spent his life doing what he loved: being outdoors, watching birds, feeding animals, and simply being immersed in nature.

Although Don is lovingly remembered for being sometimes cantankerous, he loved his family more than anything – especially his grandchildren, even when they were taunting him or playing pranks on him. He leaves behind his loving wife, Kaye Bethancourt; children Karen Bethancourt (Chris Watson), Alan Bethancourt (Lisa) and David Bethancourt as well as his grandchildren Patrick, Zachary, Anabelle, Andrew, Molly and Philip.

Don's family will be celebrating his life privately. Due to his love and respect of nature and all animals, memorial contributions to the St. Francis Wildlife Association are encouraged in lieu of flowers.

Breanna Green of Bevis Funeral Home is assisting the family with their arrangements. (850-385-2193 or www.bevisfh.com)