



## Gerald Lee Holdren

July 26, 1933 - October 16, 2021

The circle of life is complete, Gerald Lee Holdren (Jerry), 88 of Crawfordville, Florida passed away in the comfort and love of his family on Saturday, October 16, 2021. Born in Botetourt County, Virginia , Gerald was the son of the late, Howard Lee Holdren and Gladys St. Clair. A member of Evergreen Baptist Church, Jerry was a passionate advocate for family and friends. As a proud member of the community, Gerald received a Certificate of Achievement from the Wakulla County Sheriff's Office for completion of the 21st Citizen's Academy in 2006. An avid hunter and outdoorsman, Jerry will be most remembered for his unique ability and fondness of storytelling. From 1952 to 1960, Gerald Lee Holdren served his country in the U.S. Navy. He was awarded three medals, the Navy Good Conduct Medal, the Navy Occupation Service Medal and the National Defense Service Medal. As a QM-3, Gerald travelled to 26 countries aboard the U.S.S. Zellers, often immortalized in his community as "The Navy Man."

Gerald is survived by his wife and love of his life, Joan Wright Holdren, of 68 years. His continued legacy is carried on by his three daughters, Vicky, Dale and Katie; 7 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren. A special thanks to Ran Meador for his love, care and companionship in the final years of his life. Gerald Lee Holdren will be remembered, missed and loved by all who have had the greatest opportunity to know him. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to Big Bend Hospice (850-926-9308, [bigbendhospice.org](http://bigbendhospice.org))

David Conn and Kimberly Crum with Bevis Funeral Home of Crawfordville are assisting the family with arrangements. (850-926-3333, [www.bevisfh.com](http://www.bevisfh.com))

# Tribute Wall

JD

“ *Jeremy Deese lit a candle in memory of Gerald Lee Holdren*



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**Jeremy Deese** - September 24, 2022 at 09:50 AM

VM

“ *V. Dale Meador lit a candle in memory of Gerald Lee Holdren*



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**V. Dale Meador** - October 30, 2021 at 08:40 AM



“ *Vivian Kaye lit a candle in memory of Gerald Lee Holdren*



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**Vivian Kaye** - October 26, 2021 at 09:16 PM

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“ *You are so loved Poppie! Thank you for all of the wonderful years of love and laughs you gave us all. We miss you!*

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**Kelly** - October 18, 2021 at 11:55 PM

GF

“ Really so many memories it would be hard for a favorite. There was the trip to Disney shortly after it opened with both our families, the camping trips to St. George Island and the many hours sitting at the kitchen table with all the family playing board games ( mostly playing the bookshelf game oh Aquire.) You always felt welcome. Even worked alongside him and my dad at Fred Drake Chrysler Plymouth.  
My thoughts and prayers are with you all for your peace and comfort during this time.

Gary Farris

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Gary Farris - October 18, 2021 at 04:14 PM