



Melvin "PawPaw" Roy Ashton

August 16, 1944 - December 17, 2017

Melvin "PawPaw" Ashton, 73, of Tallahassee, Florida, passed away December 17, 2017, at Tallahassee Memorial Hospital. Melvin, or Papaw for those that knew and loved him most, was born in Baskin, Louisiana to Harold & Lunie Myers Ashton.

Papaw could be found most days either in front of the television watching Westerns or Walker Texas Ranger with his sodie-pop in hand, playing penny poker with the guys on Friday nights or keeping the roads hot in his Chevrolet taking the garbage off to the landfill. Papaw was a retired welder with UA local chapter 234 in Jacksonville, Florida. Papaw loved all things western, anything having to do with welding, and spending time with his family.

Papaw is survived by his wife of 35 years, Elizabeth Ann "Mamaw" Ashton, sons Dwight G. (Amanda) Ashton of Brinson, Georgia, and Richard T. (Christie) Collins of Katy, Texas, grandchildren Allee, Aubree & Ayden Ashton of Brinson, Georgia, Josephine & Andrew Collins of Monroe, Louisiana, and Austin & Claire Collins of Katy, Texas and a great granddaughter, Lillian Collins of Monroe, LA., his sister Minnie "Sis" Robinson, of Ocean Springs, Mississippi and brother Alvin "Dee" Ashton, of Monroe, Louisiana.

He was preceded in death by both his parents, his brothers Willie Ray Nobles, Bobby & Harold Ashton, Jr, his first wife Mona Gilliam Ashton and his granddaughter Audrey Lynn Finuff.

A private memorial will be held in Louisiana at a later date. Todd Wahlquist with Bevis Funeral Home (850-385-2193, www.bevisfh.com) is assisting the

family with their arrangements.