



James Harrell Jr.

August 28, 1938 - April 28, 2026

James N. Harrell Jr. of Tallahassee Fl., passed away peacefully on April 28, 2026. He was born in Live Oak Fl. on August 28, 1938.

James retired from the Tallahassee Fire Department where he loved his work and cooking “cathead” biscuits for his fellow fire fighters. Affectionately known as “Opa”, he was devoted to his family and spent many hours coaching, hauling, and supporting each child and grandchild in their various sports endeavors. He loved to travel with Barbara and her sister Christel to visit their native country Germany.

James is preceded to heaven by his mother, Dorothy Batton Harrell, his father James N. Harrell Sr. and his beloved wife Barbara Nitsch Harrell.

He is survived by his sister, Carolyn Diaz, daughter, Karen Veenstra (Dean) and his son, Daniel Harrell (Brandy), along with many wonderful grandchildren and great-grandchildren all of whom he adored.

Opa will be missed by all those who had the opportunity to meet and come to know him.

Family, friends, and fellow fire fighters are welcome to drop-in and share their memories and celebrate his life with us.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

MAY 16. 1:30 PM - 3:30 PM (ET)

American Legion Hall Post 13
229 Lake Ella Drive
Tallahassee, FL