



Stanley "Sam" Roy Rayborn

March 17, 1934 - May 16, 2022

Stanley Roy Rayborn of Petal, Ms. - passed away Monday, May 16, 2022 peacefully at home with his wife, Norma, and daughters by his side. He was born March 17, 1934, in McComb Ms to the late Harvey and Minnie Lee Rayborn.

He was a US Navy Veteran with 20 years of service, reaching the rank of Electrician's Mate Senior Chief Petty Officer. During his time of service he received several accommodations and rose through the ranks to become an Electrical Instructor where he was tasked with rewriting training manuals. Upon retiring from the Navy, Sam and his family moved from San Diego to his home state of Mississippi, where he raised his family over the course of 49 years in the same home. Once settled, he chose to continue his education at the University of Southern Mississippi where he graduated a Golden Eagle with a bachelor's degree in May 1978.

PawPaw filled his time with family, friends and pickin' and grinnin'. He was a fixture at local Bluegrass Festivals and never missed one. One of his favorite gigs was playing for the ladies at the local nursing homes always accompanied by his best friend Leroy Scott.

Sam is loved by his wife Norma, sons Michael, Stanley and Bruce, daughters Theresa, Marie, DeeDee, Janette, Miranda, and nephew Ronney Rayborn and numerous grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Paw will be greatly missed, playing the guitar around the fire for his children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers please donate to your local shelter for Veterans.

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“ *Watching Sam play his guitar was a pleasure to the ear as it was the families joy. But once, I watched Sam sit on my back deck for hours.. He just smiled and glanced all around. I said, what are you looking at? He replied everything, just look. So today, and every chance I get, I sit on my back deck and look. I look at the trees, bees, birds, wild flowers, rocks, butterflies and the clouds in the sky and think of Sam, a great man. May he rest in peace and look down at us. You will truly be missed and the camper pulling into our driveway. NORMA WE LOVE YOU AND YOUR FAMILY. Your Brother,*
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