



James Burton Callaway

January 7, 1943 - May 1, 2026

James B. Callaway, age 83, of Newnan, Georgia, passed away at his home on May 1, 2026. Born on January 7, 1943, in Griffin, James was a lifelong resident of the Newnan community he loved. He was one of six children born to the late J. B. Callaway and Corine Gray Callaway.

James proudly served his country in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. For his bravery and dedication, he was awarded the Bronze Star Medal for meritorious achievement in ground operations against hostile forces, as well as the Army Commendation Medal. He remained a strong patriot throughout his life and a dedicated supporter of wounded warriors, taking tremendous pride in his country. He spent his entire working career in the paper and pulp industry with American Can/James River Corporation, now known as Graphic Packaging International, where he was known for his hard work and commitment.

James is survived by his loving baby sister, Linda Marchman of Newnan, along with many nieces, nephews, and great-nieces and great-nephews, and cousins far and wide. The family would like to give special recognition to his niece, Tammy Williford Smith, for the exceptional care and compassion she showed him during his final year.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his sisters, Elizabeth Odom and her husband Howard, Frances Mills and her husband Kenneth, and Marie Hendrix and her husband L.E.; and his brother, Roger Callaway.

James was a man of strong character-at times stubborn and ornery-but beneath it all, he had a deeply kind and sympathetic heart. He treasured his family dearly, keeping every greeting card and letter he ever received throughout his life. The letters sent to him from loved ones during his time in Vietnam remain a lasting and cherished legacy for those he leaves behind. He will be remembered for his patriotism, his resilience, and the quiet ways he showed love to those closest to him. Burial will be private. James B. Callaway will be deeply missed and fondly remembered by all who knew and loved him.

Condolences may be expressed to the family online at www.mckoon.com.

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Cemetery Details

Oak Hill Cemetery

96 Jefferson Street
Newnan, GA 30263