



James "Jim" Bland

November 8, 1955 - December 21, 2015

James "Jim" Bland I, age 60 of Madison, Florida died on Monday, December 21, 2015. He was born in Madison, Florida on November 8, 1955 to the late Richard Edwin Bland, Sr. and Louise Beggs. He worked at General Dynamics in St. Marks for over 10 years as well as for over 30 years at Dixie Packers in Madison until his retirement. Jim loved fishing and hunting, his favorite places to be were at Keaton Beach or at the camp in the woods. He was a lifelong resident of Madison, Florida and was of the Baptist faith.

Jim is survived by his wife Doreen Baker; two sons: James Thomas Bland II (Elizabeth) of Monticello, Florida, Daniel Edwin Bland (Kristen) of Tallahassee, Florida; the mother of his children: Darlene Porter Bland; Brothers: Richard E. "Dicky" Bland (Mary) of Madison, Florida, Nat Bland also of Madison, and Julian Bland of Crestview, Florida; 2 grandchildren: Avery Leigh Bland and Brady James Bland and a host of nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be held at Beggs Funeral Home in Madison, Florida on Wednesday, December 23, 2015 at 3:00 p.m. with Pastor Steve McHargue residing. The family will receive friends one hour prior to the service beginning at 2:00 p.m. Burial will follow at the Old Oakland Cemetery in Madison. All arrangements are under the care of Beggs Funeral Home Perry Chapel.