



## Garry Callahan

August 24, 1942 - April 2, 2024

Garry Callahan, age 81, resident of Rossville, Georgia, passed away on Tuesday, April 2, 2024 at Hospice Care Center, Chattanooga, Tennessee.

Mr. Callahan, son of the late Paul Callahan and Bertha Mildred Ownbey Callahan, was born August 24, 1942 in Chattanooga, Tennessee. He was a veteran of the military, serving his country honorably in the U.S. Army from June 1966 – June 1968. Mr. Callahan was Baptist by faith and a retired truck driver. He enjoyed spending time outdoors as an avid fisherman including deep sea fishing. Mr. Callahan also enjoyed hunting, camping, doing yard work, and being a “shade tree mechanic.” He was also known for taking trips to Cherokee, North Carolina, watching his favorite television shows including Wrestling, Chicago PD and Fire, the Outdoor Channel. Also, he enjoyed listening to classic country music, particularly Willie’s Roadhouse. The family remembers him as a gentle giant; best croppy fisherman in the world; and a man who never met a stranger.

Besides his parents, he was preceded in death by a sister, Sandra Kay Sherrell; grandson, Steven Randall; and a niece, Kristie Sherrell.

Mr. Callahan is survived by his wife of over 57 years, Betty Callahan; two daughters, Terri Lynn Parsons and her husband Terry Dean, and Ailene Leenelle Skiles; two sons, Garry Lee Callahan, Jr. and his wife Jolene and

Michael Wayne Callahan; 14 grandchildren, Annie, Stormie, Kodi, Gracie, Izak, Gavin, Freedom, Joanna, Joshua, Brandon, Tracy, Rachel, Terry, and Jace; 14 great-grandchildren; many other relatives and friends.

Funeral services are scheduled at the Chapel of W.L. Wilson & Sons Funeral Home, 555 West Cloud Springs Road, Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia on Saturday, April 6, 2024, 11 a.m. with Reverend Denny Manning. The family will receive friends at the funeral home on Friday, April 5, 2024 from 11 a.m. till 4 p.m.

Condolences may be offered on-line at [www.wilsonfuneralhome.com](http://www.wilsonfuneralhome.com).

Arrangements by W.L. Wilson & Sons, 555 West Cloud Springs Road, Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia 30742.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR 5. 11:00 AM - 4:00 PM (ET)

W. L. Wilson & Sons Funeral Home-Ft. Oglethorpe Chapel

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# Tribute Wall

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“ Teresa Parsons lit a candle in memory of Garry Callahan



Teresa Parsons - April 04, 2024 at 11:08 AM

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“ Ailene Skiles purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Garry Callahan.



Ailene Skiles - April 03, 2024 at 02:37 PM

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“ Ailene Skiles planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Garry Callahan.

Ailene Skiles - April 03, 2024 at 02:37 PM

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“ Garry was such a very special man. We loved fishing with him. He will be missed.

carolyn Massengale - April 02, 2024 at 08:01 PM