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THE LIFE OF



James Earl Jefferson

July 3, 1942 ~ September 19, 2021



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The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

He maketh me to lie down

in green pastures:

He leadeth me beside the still waters.

He restoreth my soul:

He leadeth me in the paths
of righteousness for His name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley
of the shadow of death,

I will fear no evil: for Thou art with me;

Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort me

Thou preparest a table before me

in the presence of mine enemies:

Thou anointest my head with oil;

my cup runneth over.

Surely goodness and mercy

shall follow me

all the days of my life:

and I will dwell in the house of the

LORD for ever.

James Earl Jefferson, age 79, of Paron passed away on Sunday, September 19, 2021. James was born in Little Rock to the late Odus and Joyce (Graves) Jefferson on July 3, 1942. He graduated from Paron High School and went to work for the Cooperative Extension Service at the University of Arkansas. He enlisted in the Army and after proudly serving in the Vietnam War, we returned to work at the Cooperative Extension Service where he met the love of his life, Aleta. They were married in 1972. In November of 2006, he was presented with a beautiful "Quilt of Valor" by the Paron Heritage Skills Club. In addition to his parents, James was preceded in death by his in-law's, Muncie, and Eva Jones of Jacksonville; and sister, Ann McDonald of Paron.

Left to cherish is memory are his loving wife of forty-nine years, Aleta Jefferson; faithful sidekick, Stardust Milkyway; brother, David (Pat) Jefferson; brother-in-law, Danny McDonald; nieces, Dana (David) Waters, Dee (Phillip) Forbush and Jana Southerland all of Paron. Other survivors include great nieces, Michaela (Jase) Piker and Allie Southerland of Paron; great nephews, Keith (Lindsy) Waters of Perryville, Drew (Madison) Waters of Malvern, Cole (Hartly) Southerland of Rogers; great great nieces and nephews, Annie Waters, Eli Waters, Devyn Piker, Calvin Waters and Tesa Waters.

Graveside funeral services will be 10:00am, Saturday, September 25, 2021, at Cold Springs Cemetery in Paron.