



Mr. Benjamin Vandy Hope

February 27, 1946 - December 26, 2022

Benjamin V. Hope, 76, passed away peacefully Monday December 26th, 2022 at the Malcom Randall VA Hospital.

A man of SELFLESS SERVICE, Mr. Hope was born on February 27, 1946 in Alachua, FL to the late Izell R. Hope and Doreatha Grant Hope.

Benjamin V. Hope better known as "Benny Boy" was a long life resident of Alachua, a member of Old Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church, a graduate of A.L Mebane High School Class of 1963, and a Vietnam Veteran.

Benny Boy joined the US Army in August 1967 completing his basic training at Fort Benning, Ga. There he became an Eleven Bravo Infantryman and was later deployed to the Vietnam War where he served under the Third US Army alongside the 25th Infantry division. While serving his country the veteran has earned the National Defense Service Medal, the Combat Infantryman's Badge, Vietnam Service Medal, Vietnam Campaign Medal with Device, 2 Overseas Bars, and the United States oldest military medal the Purple Heart for wounds he received during combat. Benny Boy was honorably discharged from the United States Army August 1973.

He is preceded in death by his parents, his daughter, Carolyn Hope, and his

brother Harold Lee.

Lasting memories will remain in the hearts and minds of his children: Shirley Dawson (Otis) of High Springs, FL, Deneen Adams of Daytona, FL, Kenneth Hope (Cheryl) of Clermont, FL, Sherell Hope Towns (Richard) of Gainesville, FL, Clarence Hope (Marion) of High Springs, FL, Araetha Hope of Alachua, FL, Vandy Hope of Gainesville, FL, and April Hope-Cox (Terry) of Orlando, FL; siblings; Dorothy Hope Blair (Christopher) of Alachua, FL, James Hope (Lashon) of Dunnellon, FL, Peter Hope and Micheal Hope both of St. Petersburg, FL; one sister, six aunts; two uncles; one great-aunt; twenty-eight grandchildren; twenty-two great-grandchildren; five great-great-grandchildren; other relatives and caring friends/

Visitation for Mr. Hope will be Friday, January 6, 2023 from 2:00 PM to 7:00 PM at Chestnut Memorial Chapel, 18 NW 8th Avenue, Gainesville, FL 32601.

Graveside services will be held on Saturday, January 7, 2023 at 2:00 PM in Newnansville Cemetery (Alachua, FL)

Family and friends are asked to meet at 15502 NW 133rd Terrace, Alachua, FL 32615 at 1:30 PM to form the Cortege.

Arrangements Entrusted to the Care of Chestnut Funeral Home. Cards may be sent to 18 NW 8th Avenue, Gainesville, FL 32601. To offer online condolences to the family and to order floral arrangements, please visit www.chestnutfh.com/obituary/benjaminhope. Any questions may be directed to 855-

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