

ROCKY HEAD COMMUNITY... Mr. Harold D. Quattlebaum (CW4, United States Army, Retired), a resident of the Rocky Head Community, near Ariton, died late Saturday evening at his home. He was 86.

Funeral services will be held at 10:00 A.M. Saturday, May 15, 2021 in the Fuqua Bankston Funeral Home Chapel with Reverend William "Bill" Hovey officiating. Graveside services, with military honors, will follow at 12:00 Noon in the Vernon Cemetery, Vernon, Florida. The family will receive friends from 5:00 until 7:00 P.M. Friday at the funeral home. Flowers will be accepted, or memorial contributions may be made to Mr. Quattlebaum's favorite charity, Florida Baptist Children's Home, One More Child, P.O. Box 8190 Lakeland, FL 33802. Please indicate they are in memory of Harold Quattlebaum.

Mr. Quattlebaum, son of the late Jefferson B. Quattlebaum and Thurba Elliott Quattlebaum, was born in Bonifay, Florida and moved to Central Florida while still a child. He attended Lakeland High School in Lakeland, Florida. Mr. Quattlebaum graduated from Enterprise State Junior College in Enterprise, Alabama, Valencia College in Orlando, Florida and Florida Technological University in Orlando, Florida. After high school, Mr. Quattlebaum enlisted in the United States Air Force and later transferred to the United States Army, where he retired as a CW5 after serving for 32 years. Mr. Quattlebaum served two tours in Vietnam flying Huey helicopters and Chinooks. After returning from Viet Nam, Mr. Quattlebaum served in the office of Standardization at the home of Army Aviation in Fort Rucker, Alabama. During his military career, he received numerous medals, including the Bronze Star, Silver Star and Oak Leaf Cluster. After his retirement, Mr. Quattlebaum continued to live by his sworn oath as an officer to support and defend the Constitution of the United States. He was passionate about Freedom and loved the United States of America. Mr. Quattlebaum instilled the same values in each of his children. Mr. Quattlebaum was an excellent sharpshooter during his lifetime. He enjoyed fishing and was passionate about Alabama Football. Mr. Quattlebaum was preceded in death by his wife, Frances Hartley Quattlebaum one son, Mark David Quattlebaum; one granddaughter, Lauren Virginia Quattlebaum; two brothers, Paul David Sasser and Theron Donald Quattlebaum; one sister, Carolyn Virginia Quattlebaum, and two nephews, David Lawrence Sasser and Brian Jeffery Sasser.

Surviving relatives include his three daughters, Marcia Diane Quattlebaum, Marietta, Georgia, Maria Donna Rauch, Orlando, Florida, and Melinda Debra Quattlebaum, of Ariton; three sons, Michael Duane Quattlebaum, and Marshall Dean Quattlebaum, both of Orlando, Florida, and Martin Dale Quattlebaum (Cheryl), Ariton; one sister in law, Saran Sasser, Chipley Florida ; two nephews , George Randall Sasser (Linda), Chipley, Florida and Michael Ian Sasser (Minoza) Philippines ; six grandchildren, Cory Jiminez (Samantha Jiminez),Heather Quattlebaum (Chris Holcomb), Christina Thomas, Audrey Quattlebaum, Peyton Rauch, and Josh Rauch; six great-grandchildren, Blake Jiminez, Aidan Freeman, Easton Freeman, Christopher Holcomb, Jr, Ryan Holcomb, and Mia Holcomb.