



## Joel Herbert Franklin

April 10, 1943 - December 30, 2023

Joel Herbert Franklin, Sr., formally of Danville, VA, passed away peacefully in his Clearwater, FL home on Saturday, December 30, 2023, after a long battle with cancer.

Born April 10, 1943, he was the son of the late Clyde and Minnie Franklin of Danville, VA. In addition to his parents, he was predeceased by his sisters Helen Ratliff, Margie Smith, Gearlene Searce, and his lifelong friend/chosen brother Jerry Talbott.

He is survived by his loving wife Svetlana "Lana" Franklin, daughters Kimberly & Sydney Franklin of Blairs, VA; son Joel Franklin, Jr of Danville, VA; son Micheal Adkins & wife Rachel of Liberty Township, Ohio; bonus son Robert Talbott & wife Tasha of Sandpoint, Idaho; grandchildren Travis & Ashleigh Shepherd, Jessi Quesenberry & husband Jacob, Madeleine Martinez, Ashton Ladd, Megan Amlung, Michael Adkins Jr., Joel Franklin III; and many great grandchildren, nieces, & nephews.

Joel was a graduate of George Washington Highschool in Danville, VA and a graduate of East Carolina University. He served as a Warrant Officer in the United States Army where he did 2 tours in Vietnam as a helicopter pilot with the "Black Cats". He was awarded 2 Air Medals with "V" device and Vietnamese Cross of Valor and Gallantry with Bronze Star. He worked with

special needs children early in his career, then moved onto retail management and sales.

Joel will be remembered as an extremely hard working, strong and caring husband and father who had a passion and zest for life, music, shag dancing, fishing, travel, and the finer things in life.

Funeral Services will be conducted on Friday, January 5, 2024 at 1:30 P.M. at the Wrenn-Yeatts North Main Chapel with the Reverend Wade Rowland officiating. Interment will follow the service in Highland Burial Park with Military Honors by the United States Army.

The family will receive friends prior to the service from 12:00 P.M. to 1:15 P.M. at the Wrenn-Yeatts North Main Chapel, 703 North Main Street, Danville, VA 24540.

Wrenn-Yeatts North Main is respectfully serving the Franklin family.

# Cemetery Details

## Highland Burial Park

3049 North Main Street  
Danville, VA

# Previous Events

## Funeral Service

JAN 5. 1:30 PM (ET)

Wrenn-Yeatts North Main Chapel  
703 North Main Street  
Danville, VA 24540  
(434) 793-5511  
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# Tribute Wall

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“ *Barbara Talbott-Mode purchased the Fairest of All for the family of Joel Herbert Franklin.*



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**Barbara Talbott-Mode** - January 04, 2024 at 11:40 AM



“ *With Distinction was purchased for the family of Joel Herbert Franklin.*



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January 04, 2024 at 09:29 AM



“ *Tender Tribute was purchased for the family of Joel Herbert Franklin.*



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January 03, 2024 at 04:53 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Joel Herbert Franklin.*



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January 03, 2024 at 01:59 PM

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“ *I do remember Joel from School. RNP Joel Franklin.*

*Lloyd Stanton.*

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**Lloyd Stanton** - January 03, 2024 at 10:36 AM