



James Franklin Mahaffey

January 10, 1945 - April 26, 2014

Mr. James Franklin Mahaffey, age 69 of Shelbyville passed away on Saturday, April 26, 2014 at the V.A. Hospital in Nashville. He is a native of Franklin County and the son of the late Claude Franklin Mahaffey who preceded him in death in 1993 and Rosette Jones Mahaffey who preceded him in death in 2011. He is a 1964 graduate of Shelbyville High School and a veteran of the United States Army where he proudly served from 1965 - 1967. He was a former Bedford County fire chief in the 1980's and was instrumental in getting the volunteer fire departments started county wide. Mr. Mahaffey was involved with several businesses with his brother Eddie Mahaffey from the 1990's to the present. He was a very talented guitar and banjo picker and loved the outdoors. He is a member of Faith Baptist Church in Shelbyville. He was an especially devoted husband and father. He is survived by his wife of 43 years, Elaine Vasser Mahaffey of Shelbyville. Mr. Mahaffey is survived by two daughters: Tammy Peoples and Lori (Vic) Music both of Shelbyville and one son: Michael Mahaffey of Murfreesboro. He is also survived by three brothers: Eddie (Brenda) Mahaffey of Shelbyville, Floyd (Donna) Mahaffey of Murfreesboro and Billy Joe (Beth) Mahaffey of Ooltewah, Tennessee. Mr. Mahaffey is survived by one grandson: Tate Peoples and one step - Grandson: Varis Music. Along with his parents, he was preceded in death by his son-in-law: David Wayne Peoples in 2013. Visitation with the family will be on Monday, April 28, 2014 from 4:00 to 8:00 pm at Gowen-Smith Chapel. Funeral services will be on Tuesday, April 29, 2014 at 2:00 pm from the

chapel of Gowen-Smith with Pastor Todd Peoples officiating. Burial will follow in Gnat Hill Cemetery in Beech Grove, Tennessee

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