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Dennis James Kilgore ("Duke") died on Tuesday, Dec 18, at the Bailey Family Center for Caring surrounded by his family. He was born in Martins Ferry, Ohio on Feb. 1st 1940, residing in Clairton, Pa till 1958, and has been a resident of St. Augustine since 1976. Duke proudly served in the United States Marine Corp from 1958 to 1964. He was a self taught artist, an award winning "Wood Sculptor", and nationally syndicated "Published Cartoonist", with works in all major magazines. Duke lived life to the fullest, and would always win over any stranger with his bubbly personality and sense of humor. His strong values of honor, hard work, and being kind to everyone have been instilled in all of his children. He was preceded in death by his parents, John James and Rosa Orban Kilgore. He is survived by his wife of 36 years, Sherry Lee Kilgore of Elkton; daughters, Barbie Kilgore of Milesburg, PA, Linda Kilgore of Ormond Beach, FL, and Cindy Heichel of Palm Coast, FL; a step-son, David Bierly of Creedmoor, NC, step-daughter Danyel' Bierly of Mesa, AZ, whom he raised as his own; seven grandchildren, 3 great grandchildren; sisters, Karen Hill of Pittsburgh, PA and Melanie Murphy of Tucson, Arizona; brothers, Tom Kilgore of Cincinnati, Ohio and John Kilgore of Wilton, New Hampshire; and Stumpy, man's best and truest friend till the end. Life will never be the same without you. We love you so much and always will. Guard the gates for me Duke till I finish my life chores, to be with you once again.

Semper Fi, Love Sherry Private services will be held. Donations in his memory can be made to Community Hospice of NE FL, 4266 Sunbeam Road, Jacksonville, FL 32257 St Johns Family Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.