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John Anthony "Tony" Smallwood, affectionately known as PAPA, The Man, The Myth, The Legend, age 67, of St. Augustine, passed away peacefully on December 27, 2017 at the Bailey Family Center for Caring, with his family by his side. Born and raised in Gainesville, Georgia, Tony was a graduate of South Hall High School, Class of 1968. One week after his graduation, he married his high school sweetheart, Diane Carder. Tony began his working career at Vickers Funeral Home while still in high school, and briefly worked in retail. He took a job as a casket representative calling on funeral home in what would become a long career in casket sales. After moving to Orlando in 1980, Tony founded and operated Smallwood Casket Company for many years serving the Central Florida area. After selling the company, Tony moved his family to St. Augustine 2000, where he worked for several casket companies including Trinity, Southern Craft and Astral serving the North Florida area. Tony again decided to go into business for himself and founded a new company, Smallwood Distributing, Inc. He operated the company until his retirement in 2014. Tony enjoyed motorcycles, camping, and cruising, but more than anything he loved his family and enjoyed spending time with them. He especially loved and enjoyed his grandchildren. He was a member of Anastasia Baptist Church. He is survived by his wife of 47 years, Diane Smallwood of St. Augustine; daughters, Paige Hunt, and her husband, Bryan,

and Tara Ferreira, and her husband, Seth, all of St. Augustine; brother, Stacey Smallwood, and his wife, Rosa, of Clermont, GA; and beloved grandchildren, Brianna Evans, Faith Hunt, Jasmine Hunt, Olive Ferreira, Levi Hunt and Opal Ferreira. A Celebration of Life is being planned at a later date. In Lieu of flowers, donations in Tony's memory can be made to his favorite charity that he supported faithfully, St Jude's Children Research Hospital, 262 Danny Thomas Place, Memphis, TN 38105. St. Johns Family Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

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“ Kerry & I always enjoyed visiting with Tony & Diane. Working with Diane for nearly 17 years, you guys became more like family. I know how much Tony loved his family, & was a devoted husband, father & grandchildren. You lived life to the fullest! I know you will be greatly missed Tony by so many, but you will also be greatly remembered!

Kerry & Sherri Nelson - December 31, 2017 at 12:00 AM