



In Loving Memory

AMBROSE "AJ" DEESE

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FUNERAL SERVICE

3 p.m., Sunday, April 28, 2024

Cape Carteret Baptist Church, Cape Carteret, NC

Prelude

Pictorial Presentation

Seating of the Family

(Please Rise)

Song, "How Great Thou Art"

Welcome & Reading of the Obituary

Pastor Ray Duval

Special, "Press On"

Choir

Scripture & Prayer

Pastor Ray Duval

Special, "The Anchor Holds"

Shepherd's Men

Message, "The Most Important
Conversation A. J. Ever Had"
Mark 10:17-22

Pastor Kevin Clubb

Song, "I'll Fly Away"

THE SERVICE WILL CONCLUDE AT GETHSEMANE MEMORIAL PARK.

Please turn on bright lights and hazards in procession to the Cemetery.

Ambrose "AJ" Deese, of Newport, North Carolina, passed away at his home on Wednesday, April 24, 2024, one day shy of his 83rd birthday.

A funeral service to honor AJ's life will be held at 3 p.m., April 28th at Cape Carteret Baptist Church, officiated by Rev. Kevin Club. Interment, with military honors, will follow at Gethsemane Memorial Park. The family will receive friends one hour prior to the service.

Born on April 25, 1941, in Richmond County, NC to the late William and Virgie Deese, AJ spent his formative years in Montgomery County. He proudly served his country in the United States Navy aboard the famous USS Midway Aircraft Carrier for four years. After his honorable service, AJ dedicated himself to a career as a Corrections Officer with the NC Department of Corrections until his retirement.

AJ was an active member of Cape Carteret Baptist Church and a devoted member of The Berean's Sunday School Class. He was a strong man of faith who cherished his family and friends.

Casting a line and reeling in a good catch was one of his favorite hobbies. He took great pride in his yard and thoroughly enjoyed all types of yard work, always appreciating the end result. AJ reveled in friendly competitions of corn hole and horseshoe with his friends and valued family time, especially connecting with his grandchildren through various games. AJ was also an avid Miami Dolphins fan and he enjoyed shagging to beach music in his younger years.

Those remaining to cherish his memory are his loving and devoted wife of 43 years, Jeanette Sexton Deese; daughter, Renee Kuczka (Chad) of Stafford; son, Jerry Deese (Karen) of Albemarle; sisters, Fran Parkerson, Hazel Spivey (James), all of Troy, Janice Lewis of Rockingham; brothers, Stan Deese of Hickory and Gerald Deese (Darlene) of Mt. Gilead; grandchildren, Dylan, Aidan, and Sarah Kuczka; and numerous loving nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, AJ was preceded in death by his infant sister, Linda Lou Deese and sister, Ruth Deese-Burrows.

As an expression of sympathy, flowers are welcome or memorial contributions may be made to the National Kidney Foundation, 30 East 33rd Street, New York, NY 10016.



Footprints In The Sand

One night I dreamed a dream.

I was walking along the beach with my Lord,
and across the skies flashed scenes from my life.
In each scene I noticed two sets of footprints in the sand,
One belonging to me and one to my Lord.

When the last scene of my life flashed before me,
I looked back at the footprints in the sand.
I noticed that at many times along the path of my life,
especially at the very lowest and saddest times,
there was only one set of footprints.

This really troubled me, so I asked the Lord about it.

"Lord, you said once I decided to follow you,
You'd walk with me all the way.

But I noticed that during the saddest and
most troublesome times of my life,
there was only one set of footprints.

I don't understand why, when I needed You the most,
You would leave me."

He whispered, "My precious child,

I love you and will never leave you.

Never, ever, during your trials and testings
when you saw only one set of footprints, it was then that
I carried you."

