



Ronald Melvin Butler

April 12, 1939 - August 5, 2021

Ronald Melvin Butler was born on April 12, 1939 to Melvin and Jessie Hallock Butler as their only child in upstate New York. Ron was raised on a wonderful farm where his father instilled a strong work ethic and sense of responsibility that would be Ron's driving force as he matured into a young man. He lost both of his parents at a young age and lived for a period with an aunt and uncle but he never got to live on his beloved farm again.

Upon graduation from high school, Ron enlisted in the Marine Corp and completed his basic training at Parris Island. He was then deployed to South Vietnam as a Military Advisor and earned an award as a Sharp Shooter while in service in the late 1960's. Ron returned home, unlike so many of his friends that perished during this conflict, and became a truck driver for UPS. He also enjoyed all types of motorsports, including Snow Mobile racing for Artic Cat and later, assisting friends in the 24 Hours of Daytona. In 1978 he decided to move to St. Augustine, Florida and began his career as a lawn care professional, creating Island Landscaping LLC. This career path led to many cherished and valued customers with some going back to two generations. His customers always said you could set your clock by Ron's schedule to be there and Ron worked up until he got ill with Covid. Ron passed away on August 5, 2021.

Ron leaves behind his wife of 26 years, Cheryl Butler and his son, James (Jimmy) Butler who are missing Ron very much. Due to the current pandemic we are not planning any gathering but will, in the near and safer future, plan to assemble with friends, customers and loved ones to share some of the great stories and accolades about Ron.