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Robertsdale, Alabama - Marion O'Neal Thweatt (March 21, 1932 - January 22, 2021) O'Neal Thweatt passed away peacefully in this home surrounded by his family at the age of 88 years.

O'Neal grew up on a family farm in the community of Esto, Holmes Co., Florida, where he was taught a strong work ethic and family values. O'Neal loved his many aunts, uncles, cousins and life-long friends from Esto and the surrounding communities in Florida and Alabama, and his many cousins living in Georgia, South Carolina and North Carolina.

O'Neal attended Esto School and graduated from Geneva County High School of Hartford, Alabama, in 1952. After high school, he went into the civil service and traveled the United States with the Federal Grain Inspection Service. This job led him to Robertsdale where he met Annie Joyce Willis on a blind date at a Marshall's Cafe, now called Mac-n-Jerry's, in the Summer of 1957. O'Neal and Annie Joyce married in October 1957. Together, O'Neal and Annie Joyce had 5 children, all of whom attended/graduated from Robertsdale High School. O'Neal became a widower in 2003 when his wife Annie Joyce passed away peacefully in their home surrounded by their family.

Two of his careers, Federal Grain Inspection Service and as a truck driver, allowed O'Neal the privilege to travel all over the 48 states and all provinces of Canada. This included not only State and Federal highways, but also many back roads to small communities. Many people asked his advice for the best

way to travel to a destination and he always seemed to know the exact location, as he had been there before or passed nearby at some point in his life.

O'Neal loved sports and was a huge Alabama and Nick Saban fan. He spent a great deal of time supporting his children in sports and band, Robertsdale athletics, coaching youth sports and was a member of the RHS Quarterback club. In his hometown of Esto, Florida and high school years at Geneva High School he was well known for his success playing basketball and football. O'Neal was inducted into the Robertsdale High School Athletic Hall of Fame in August of 2011 for his many different contributions and roles he played supporting local sports. He was also an avid hunter and fisherman. There are many memories of gill net fishing with his buddies and children and cooking fresh mullet on the beach. Hunting for quail, dove or deer with his friends, son and grandsons were favorite past times.

O'Neal spent his last years having coffee in the early morning with his buddies at the Robertsdale Burger King. He would also meet with his friends at the Loxley Waffle House where his favorite waitress, Teresa Clark, would become a family friend.

O'Neal is survived by his children Carolyn Thweatt Richardson of Port Hueneme, CA, Mary Thweatt (Bill Moore) of Robertsdale, AL, Debbie Sue Thweatt Harrison of Robertsdale, AL, Sandra Thweatt Volovecky (Mike Volovecky) of Fort Morgan, AL, and Johnny Mack Thweatt (Tammy) of Loxley, AL, and brother-in-law Lamar Willis (Charlotte Willis) of Fairhope, AL, sixteen grandchildren and twenty great grandchildren.

O'Neal was preceded in death by his wife, Annie Joyce Willis Thweatt of Robertsdale, his parents Ivey Mae Sheffield Thweatt and Marion Defoe "Mac" Thweatt of Esto, FL, sister Ruthie Mae Thweatt of Esto, FL, in-laws William "Buster" Willis & Rosa Mary House Willis of Marlow, AL, sister in law Joan Holcombe of Canon Ga, son-in-law Greg Harrison of Robertsdale and granddaughter Beverly Michelle Salter of Bon Secour, AL.

A celebration of life will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, please make

a donation to a non-profit of your choice, in memory of O'Neal Thweatt.

Tribute Wall

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“ *Saddened to learn of O'Neal's passing. He and my Dad knew each other thru the Grain Inspection Service and then later Robert L Berner. He was always a "hoot" to be around and told the best jokes. He was a good man, father and grandfather to his family. He and Anna Joyce raised a family of good solid children and leaves a legacy of hard work and independence. May he rest in peace....*

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