



## Joe Walter Land

May 28, 1937 - May 26, 2026

Joe Walter Land, 88, of Graceville passed away May 26, 2026, in Graceville.

Joe Walter Land was born in Graceville, Florida, on May 28, 1937, to the late Grady Monroe Land and Audrey Watford Land. Joe grew up on the family farm south of Graceville and attended Union School and Graceville High School. He joined the U.S. Air Force in 1956. During his time in the Air Force, he carried a top-secret security clearance and served as a Teletype Equipment Repairman on the machines that sent coded messages. He was stationed at various bases, including F.E. Warren Air Force Base in Cheyenne, Wyoming. Perhaps his greatest accomplishment while serving in the Air Force at the Orlando, Florida, base was meeting the woman who would eventually become his wife of sixty-eight years. With a visit to Lake Lorna Dune and the flip of a coin, he found the love of his life.

In 1960, after his time in the Air Force, Joe came back to the farm and began farming full-time, a job he would have in some capacity for the remainder of his life. Later, he became a sewing machine technician while he continued to work the farm nights and weekends. He worked with Vanity Fair Mills in Graceville until their closure and then at Pridecraft in Enterprise, Alabama, until he retired. Joe was also an exceptionally gifted carpenter and could build anything from scratch. The fruits of his talents will be enjoyed by his family members for years to come in the form of numerous tables, toy boxes, cedar

chests, china cabinets, and various other items. After retirement, he spent his time gardening, woodworking, and helping local farmers as needed until his age and health no longer allowed him to do so.

Joe was an avid hunter and fisherman his entire life. The local deer and fish will undoubtedly rest much easier with his passing. However, his greatest pastime was spending time with family, specifically his four grandchildren. While this was especially apparent on the trips with his grandchildren to the Great Smoky Mountains, a location he dearly loved to visit, he was just as content watching his grandchildren from his front porch while satisfying his legendary sweet tooth with an ice-cold Coke or a piece of pound cake.

Joe was preceded in death by his parents, as well as his two sisters, Nadean Jowers and Linda Stewart.

He is survived by his wife of sixty-eight years, Geraldine O. Land; his children: Brenda Land Henderson (Mike), Don Land (Tonya), and Mark Land; grandchildren: Katherine Henderson, Tyler Land (Candace Clemmons), Rachael H. Vaughn (Ryan), and Garrett Land; great-grandchildren: Henry Asa Vaughn and Emme Kay Clark, as well as several nieces and nephews.

A funeral service will be held at 10 AM, Monday, June 1, 2026, at the Chapel of James & Lipford Funeral Home in Graceville with military honors by Hurlburt Field Base Honor Guard. A private burial will follow in Poplar Springs Baptist Church Cemetery with James & Lipford Funeral Home directing.

The family will receive friends at the funeral home Sunday, May 31, 2026, from 4 PM until 5 PM.

The family wishes to extend their sincere thanks to the staff of the Graceville Rehabilitation by Harborview for their very compassionate care.



# Upcoming Events

## Visitation

MAY 31. 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM (CT)

James & Lipford Funeral Home  
5390 Cotton Street  
Graceville, FL 32440  
(850) 263-3238  
<https://www.jamesandlipford.com>

## Funeral Service

JUN 1. 10:00 AM (CT)

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