



## Jimmy Dowdy

October 9, 1943 - February 26, 2024

Jimmy Dowdy, who was born on October 9, 1943, in Flowery Branch, GA, passed away on February 26, 2024, surrounded by his family after a sudden and brief illness. Jimmy, a Navy Veteran, married Linda Walls on Oct 7, 1967, and had twin daughters, Stephanie and Jennifer, in 1973. A lifetime entrepreneur and business owner, Jimmy had 5 retail electronics and video stores throughout the 1980s and '90s in Mobile, AL. Known as “Howdy Dowdy,” Jimmy was also a successful car salesman after retirement because of his outgoing and friendly personality.

Jimmy and Linda liked to travel the USA by RV, enjoying many of the national parks. They were also avid cruisers. More recently, they enjoyed estate sales and pottery collecting. Jimmy and Linda moved to Estero, FL in 2016. Since then, Jimmy developed a passion for Pickleball and played many games weekly, even up to months before his passing. A true “Mr. Fix-It,” Jimmy loved projects and always offered to help solve any problem.

One of Jimmy’s greatest pride is his grandchild, Rae Ettenger, who recently graduated from Smith College with the highest honors. He was the loving pet parent to many dogs including Mitzi, Mickey, and Toby. Jimmy will be in the hearts of each person he knew as he always made an effort to help others and provide care whenever possible.

Jimmy is preceded in death by his parents, Charlie and Tyea Dowdy, and his brother Harold Dowdy.

He is survived by his wife, Linda Dowdy, and his brother, Kenneth Dowdy (Sandra). His legacy lives on in his children Stephanie Dowdy and Jennifer Ettenger (Rick) as well as his grandchild, Rae Ettenger.

A memorial service is being planned for the summer of 2024 at the Georgia National Cemetery in Canton, GA.

To sign his guest register or to leave online condolences please visit [www.ShikanyFuneralHome.com](http://www.ShikanyFuneralHome.com).

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# Cemetery Details

**Georgia National Cemetery**

Canton, GA

# Events

**Details are pending.**