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John Peter Helf Jr., age 80, of Watkinsville, passed away Monday, July 10, 2023 at Piedmont Athens Hospital.

John Helf was born on January 17, 1943, to the late John Peter Helf and Irene Albofanta Helf. He was a proud Army veteran, who served during the Vietnam War.

Mr. Helf is survived by his loving wife of thirty-four years, Melba Jean Parker Helf, of Watkinsville; children, Lorri Lynn (Tony) Robinson Byrd of Monticello, Melissa (Tim) Ashworth of Watkinsville, Wendy (Gene) Vandevander of Jackson, Wendy (Harvey) Dalton of Kempner, TX, and Ryan (Jennifer) Helf of Pfaffton, NC; fifteen grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; and sister, Judy (Paul) Remus of Racine, WI.

A graveside service will be held at 11:00 A.M., Thursday, July 13, 2023, at New Bethlehem Baptist Church Cemetery. Rev. Charlie Edwards will officiate.

The family will receive friends from 10:00 A.M. until 11:00 A.M., Thursday, July 13, 2023, at New Bethlehem Baptist Church.

Flowers or donations may be made to New Bethlehem Baptist Church: 4430 Jackson Lake Rd, Monticello, GA 31064.

Jordan Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.