

JACK PERSHING ROBERSON



Jack Pershing Roberson, 99, passed peacefully into the hands of our Lord on June 29. He was born on September 13, 1918 in Waycross, Georgia to William and Bessie (Fowler) Roberson. Jack was always faithful to our Lord with reading the Bible each day especially with his sister Bessie before she passed. Along with the love of his life, Lois, he was very involved in the church. He served as a Deacon at Franklin Street Baptist Church in Jacksonville; Taft Street Baptist Church in Hollywood; an honorary Deacon at River Road Baptist Church in Hilliard.

Jack was a WWII veteran where he saw action in the Pacific and in Europe and was awarded several metals including a Bronze Star. Jack was also a member of the famous "Devil's Brigade." His unit as a whole was awarded a Gold Congressional Medal of Honor in 2015. Jack and all surviving members received a commemorative Brass Medal. After the Brigade disbanded, Jack was sent to Norway where his unit excelled in their duties. In 2016, his unit received the Defense and Commemorative Medal and Citation from the Royal Norwegian Embassy and signed by His Majesty King Harald V of Norway.

Jack was a member of the Masonic Lodge in Jacksonville FL. In 1966, he served as Worshipful Master of Ezra Lodge number 67, Free and Accepted Masons. He received his 70 year pin in September 2017.

Jack was an authoritative but loving father who made holidays very special for his children.

He is survived by his son John P. (Charlene) Roberson of Franklin, North Carolina, daughter Susan R. Esposito of Callahan and son Lee L. (Tammy) Roberson of Monroe, North Carolina; 11 grandchildren; 28 great-grandchildren; 15 nieces and 24 nephews. He was preceded in death by his wife Lois T. Roberson; sister Bessie Witt; brothers Lee Roberson, Hugh "Bubba" Roberson, Mark Roberson and Frank Roberson; daughter Barbara Mansfield; sons-in-law Richard Mansfield and Albert Esposito.

A viewing was held prior to the funeral service held Tuesday, July 3 in the Nassau Funeral Home Chapel with Pastor Benji Lloyd and Pastor Hal McIntosh officiating. Interment followed in the Jacksonville National Cemetery.

Pallbearers were John Roberson, Andy Pressley, Lee Roberson, Caylon Esposito, Randy Crawford and Ricky Roberson.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations in his memory be made to Community Hospice.

Condolences may be expressed at www.nassaufh.com.

Arrangements by Nassau Funeral Home, Callahan, 904-879-1770.