

ROY LEE WINGATE, JR.



Roy Lee Wingate, Jr, 92, of Callahan, passed away on August 11. Roy, Jr. owned and operated Wingate's Chevron Station (formally Wingate's Standard Oil Service Station and Oil Company) on the corner of US 1 and A1A in Callahan for over 40 years and also worked as a railroad Telegraph Operator for 12 years. He was a 32nd Degree Scottish Rite Master Mason, Past Master of the Masonic Lodge of Callahan and was a member of the Morocco Shrine Club. He was born December 16, 1925 to Roy Lee and Louise (Jones) Wingate in Nassau County, Florida.

Mr. Roy was a generous, honest, and good-hearted man. Because he grew up in Callahan, he was well-known in the community. He liked to provide employment to boys looking for summer jobs; he often did things for others without expecting anything in return. Mr. Roy was friendly to all and he enjoyed making people laugh. He taught his children the values of honesty, responsibility, faithfulness, character and respectfulness. His actions modeled humility and empathy for others. Mr. Roy will be remembered as always having a smile, joking with his friends and customers and playing the big bass drum for the Drum and Bugle Corp in Shrine parades.

He was predeceased three weeks ago by his wife of 67 years, Jeanette; his parents; his sister Lonnie; his Aunt Virgie (Alf) Green; and his grandmother Aggie Ogilvie Jones.

He is survived by two daughters and a son, Janet Wingate-Robinson, Leesa Graham and Keith Wingate; three grandchildren, Savanna Robinson, Ross Graham and Darci Wingate; a much loved daughter-in-law Terry Haynes Wingate; and two nephews.

The family will receive friends Wednesday, August 15 from 6-8 p.m. at Nassau Funeral Home. The funeral service will be held Thursday, August 16 at 10 a.m. at the First Baptist Church of Callahan, where Roy was a lifetime member, with Dr. Lynn Hyatt officiating. Interment will follow at Jones Cemetery.

Condolences may be expressed at www.nassaufh.com.

Arrangements under the direction of Nassau Funeral Home, Callahan, 904-879-1770.