

GERALD G. LEWIS



Gerald G. 'Jerry' Lewis, 83, went to be with his Lord and Savior Monday, September 10. Mr. Lewis was born in Horry County, South Carolina and was reared in Fair Bluff, North Carolina, graduating from Fair Bluff High School. He served in the US Air Force, with a tour of



duty in Turkey. He married Romelia 'Mel' Gallegos on July 9, 1955, always calling her his "lifetime sweetheart." After serving in the military, he came to Jacksonville to attend and then graduated from Barber College. He was owner of Jerry's Barber Shop on 8th and Main Streets in Jacksonville for 45 years, retiring due to his severe rheumatoid arthritis. He was predeceased by his parents Frank and Bessie Dudney Lewis; and his sister Alfreida Turner.

Survivors include his lifetime sweetheart of 63 years, Romelia 'Mel' Lewis; daughter Tracy Lewis; son Glen (Susan) Lewis; two granddaughters Leslie (Rusty deceased) and Madison (Dalton); three great-grandchildren Haven, Gabriel and Abigail; two sisters Jean Beck and Meryle Rogers; and many other loving family and friends.

There will be two separate services. The family will receive friends from 6-7 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 20 at Corey-Kerlin Funeral Home, 1426 Rowe Ave., prior to the memorial service at 7 p.m. with Pastor Doyle Harper officiating. A Memorial Mass will be celebrated Friday, September 21 at 12 noon at St. Patrick's Catholic Church with Fr. Christopher Liguori, celebrant. Following the Mass, interment will be in Jacksonville National Cemetery, with full military honors.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorials be made in Jerry's memory to the woundedwarriorproject.org.

Arrangements under the direction of Corey Kerlin Funeral Home.