


GUY AUSTIN GAY



Guy Austin Gay, 90, passed away peacefully December 5, 2023 at home. Guy was born on February 20, 1933 in Brooks County, Georgia to the late Sam and Bessie Gay. Guy joined the U.S. Navy at the age of 17 and spent many years serving his country aboard the  USS Saratoga and the USS Independence. He did 2 tours in the Mediterranean during the Korean War. He was proud of his military service and loved God and his Country. He was a devout Christian and longtime member of River Road Baptist Church. Guy spent many hours cooking and serving meals for Senior Day alongside his wife, Beth, Billy Smith and fellow church members.

He is survived by his wife and soulmate of 66 years, Laura Beth Gay; children Teresa (Bryon) Crosby, Patricia (Corky) Ayers, Bill (Lynn) Gay and Paul Gay; grandchildren Bethany (Taylor) Curtin, Lauren (Tyler) Peterson, Shannon Crosby, Mischelle Ayers (Eric Marshall), Michael (Leslie) Ayers, Autumn (Michael) Holliman and Jaron (Emma) Gay; great-grandchildren Mea Ayers, Chase Ayers, Rhea Marshall, Jayden Holliman, Josiah Rader, Titus Lewis, Alex LaFauce, Liam Dufresne, Abigail McCain and Gabriel Gay; sisters Linda (Derell) Plymel, Elizabeth (Jimmy) Glass and Betty Ann (Roger) Holmes. He was preceded in death by his brothers Raymond Gay, Jack Gay and Frank Gay; and sister Mildred Sparks.

The Family would like to extend a special thank you to the Veteran's Administration of Jacksonville, Cornerstone Caregiving and Community Hospice & Palliative Care for their care and support.

The funeral service will be held Friday, December 15 at 11 a.m. at River Road Baptist Church, 21067 County Road 121, Hilliard, with Pastors James Conner, Benjie Loyd and Hal McIntosh officiating. The family will receive friends at 10 a.m. followed by the service at 11. A luncheon will be provided by the church immediately following the church service. The funeral procession will leave the church at 1 p.m. for the service at Jacksonville National Cemetery with military honors.

In lieu of flowers, the family kindly requests contributions be made in memory of Guy to Community Hospice & Palliative Care, 4266 Sunbeam Road, Jacksonville, FL 32257; Wreaths Across America to help fund the placing of a Christmas wreath on every veteran's gravesite; or The Hampton Scholarship Fund at River Road Baptist Church.

Condolences may be expressed at: www.fraserfuneralhome.com. Arrangements by Fraser Funeral Home, Jacksonville.