

JESSE CLAUDE GROOMS



Jesse Claude Grooms, 92, of Fernandina Beach, passed away Thursday, July 16, 2020. He was born September 1, 1927 in Folkston, Georgia to the late Ralph Waldo Grooms and Mary E. Robinson Grooms. Claude was one of six children.



Following high school, Claude joined the US Marines and proudly served his country during World War II. After the war, he returned to Florida where he married the love of his life Netha Dean (Smith) Grooms. Claude and Netha had one daughter, Laurie Grooms McCollough. Claude worked for Rayonier Advanced Materials, Gillman Paper Company, and retired from Owens-Illinois Paper Company (Orange, TX). Claude retired young and he and Netha enjoyed spending time with family, beach vacations and traveling in their motorhome. Claude was quite the athlete and enjoyed numerous sports including pool, ping pong, tennis, softball, basketball and golf! Claude and Netha would travel near and far to watch Laurie and all their grandchildren play sports. He was also an active member of the Men's Golf Association in Orange, Texas.

He is preceded in death by his parents Ralph Waldo Grooms and Mary Robinson Grooms; his sister Hazel Grooms Aliffi; and brothers Ralph, Jr., Ross, Donald and Billy.

He is survived by his daughter Laurie Grooms McCollough; two grandchildren Michelle McCollough Lansford and Marti McCollough; two great-grandchildren Mandy Lansford and Molly Lansford; brothers Ronnie Grooms and Larry Grooms; sister Joann Grooms Stokes; and sister-in-law Catherine Smith Johnson.

The family received friends prior to the funeral held Wednesday, July 22 at Shepard-Roberson Funeral Home. Burial followed in Oakwood Cemetery in Hilliard.

In lieu of flowers, the family encourages donations to the Alzheimer's Association in Claude's memory.

Condolences may be expressed by visiting www.shepardfh.com.

Arrangements by Shepard-Roberson Funeral Home in Folkston.