

**JOHN GORDON MATTHEWS, JR.**

John Gordon Matthews, Jr., 88, the only child of John Gordon Matthews, Sr. and Pearl Rambo Matthews went to his eternal rest on Monday, February 25. Mr. Matthews was born in St. Petersburg, Florida on August 16, 1930, and moved to Jacksonville at an early age. After he retired, he moved to Callahan with his wife, Betty. Mr. Matthews and his parents were long time members of Central Christian Church in Jacksonville until it was dissolved.

He was a member of Ezra Masonic Lodge before moving to Callahan and becoming a member of Callahan Masonic Lodge #32. He was also a member of Scottish Rite and Morocco Temple Shrine where he was a Past President of the Drum and Bugle Corp. He was a Charter member of the West Nassau Genealogical Society and this led him to become a member of the Sons of the American Revolution and the Sons of the Confederate Veterans. Mr. Matthews was an electrician by trade and retired as a supervisor in the Building Maintenance Department of the City of Jacksonville.

He is survived by his wife Betty Joan Dukes Matthews; two sons Gordon Alan (Connie) Matthews and Douglas Michael Matthews; three grandchildren Michelle (Chris) McDonald, Amanda (Robert) Harrison and Kyle Matthews; four great-grandchildren Victoria (Thomas) Kutz, Veronica Smith and Emma and Henry Harrison; and several nieces and nephews.

A memorial service will be held Friday, March 1 at 1 p.m. in the Event Center at Peeples, 14165 N. Main Street, Jacksonville with Chaplain Jackie Hayes officiating.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to the Shriners Hospitals of Children Tampa, 12502 USF Pine Drive, Tampa, Florida 33612.