

## Virgil Edward Raulerson

RAULERSON Virgil Edward Raulerson, 88, of Jacksonville, passed away Sunday, October 18, 2009. He was born on March 15, 1921 in Bradford County, Florida. He was the oldest of five children born to Mannie C. and Mae Yarbrough Raulerson. Virgil and his wife Hazel Whitehead Raulerson were the parents of three daughters.

He retired from the Jacksonville Terminal Company. Virgil served in the United States Naval Reserves and United States Army. He served in the US Army 10th Mountain Division during World War II in the Italian Po Valley and North Appennines campaign, and received the Bronze Star Medal.

He was an accomplished genealogist conducting significant research, and publishing 52 volumes of genealogical information on the Raulerson and allied families. His research is published and cataloged at the Huxford Genealogical Society, Baker County Historical Society, and Polk County Historical Association. He was a Georgia and Florida Pioneer Descendant. He was a member of the Sons of the Revolution, Sons of the American Revolution, and Sons of Confederate Veterans.

He was an avid gardener and member of Foster Drive Baptist Church. He was a 55-year member of the Scottish Rite Masonry and a 32nd Degree Master Mason. He was most recently a member of the Albert J Russell Lodge. He was also a member of the Morocco Shrine Temple.

Virgil is predeceased by his parents, wife; and sister, Ruth Rutland. He is survived by his daughters, Kathleen Crook (Monty) and Betty Bearden (Jim) of Green Cove Springs, and Sharon Miller (Joseph) of Huntsville, Al; sisters, Doris Bryant and Eva Fletcher; brother, Donald C. Raulerson; seven grandchildren, and twelve great-grandchildren. The family extends their appreciation to LaJanice and Larry Bell for the special care during his illness.

Visitation will be held Wednesday, October 21 from 5 to 7 pm at Hardage Giddens Funeral Home. Graveside Services will be held on Thursday, October 22 at 11:00 am at Greenlawn Cemetery, 4300 Beach Blvd., Jacksonville. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Wounded Warrior Project 7020 AC Skinner Pkwy Suite 100, Jacksonville, FL 32256. Arrangement made by HARDAGE- GIDDENS Funeral Home, Mandarin Chapel, 11801 San Jose Blvd., Jacksonville, FL 32223.

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