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Judge Benjamin Gratz, Jr., age 72, of St. Augustine, FL, passed away peacefully on February 20, 2016, after having fought a lengthy battle with heart and kidney disease. He was surrounded by family at the Bailey Family Center for Caring. Judge Gratz was a retired attorney from Tifton, GA and a former Juvenile Court Judge in the Alapaha Judicial Circuit. He also served for a period of time in the Marine Corps. Judge Gratz was preceded in death by his parents, Benjamin and Dorothy "Clark" Gratz, Sr. Survivors include his wife of 39 years, Laura Jane Gratz of St. Augustine, FL; sister, Maria Roberts of Atlanta; GA; nephew, William (Robby) Roberts and his wife Amy of Atlanta, GA; mother-in-law, Nell Futrell Powell of Marietta, Ga; two sister-in-laws, Sandra Bennett of Woodstock, GA and Charlotte Cook and her husband Brent of Marietta, GA; and several nieces and a nephew. Memorial services will be held in Atlanta at a later date. In lieu of flowers donations may be given to Community Hospice, Bailey Family Center for Caring, St. Augustine, FL or to a charity of your choice. St. Johns Family Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Tribute Wall

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“*Janie, I am so sorry. I cant express how much I hurt for you. Just know that Jimmy and I are thinking of you, and Ben will live in our memories forever.*”

ann grubbs - February 25, 2016 at 12:00 AM

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“*Janie, We were saddened to hear Ben had passed away. Our hearts are heavy for your loss, and our loss of a dear friend and neighbor. May you find comfort knowing he is suffering no more and is in the presence of our Heavenly Father.*”

jim and Elaine Willkomm - February 24, 2016 at 12:00 AM

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“*I have many warm memories of Ben over the past years, especially when he and Janie were still living in Atlanta. I remember his smile and his laughter at our family gatherings. His father-in-law, Charles, really enjoyed Bens company, and his mother-in-law, "Mama-Nell", always looked forward to these visits with Janie and Ben, even when Ben would get the best of her with is teasing. We had some great times then and later when he and Janie moved out of Atlanta, keeping in touch with phone calls, cards and letters, and occasional visits. Our family especially loved getting photos of Ben and Janie with their beloved dogs over the years and enjoyed hearing the many stories of those frolicking puppies. Ben will surely be missed, but with the missing, comes a great relief he no longer has to cope wit the tremendous pain and suffering he endured over the past several years. He is at home now with his heavenly Father and at peace.*”

Sandra Bennett - February 21, 2016 at 12:00 AM