



## Emmett Leo "Jack" Worley

February 2, 1924 - July 28, 2018

Emmett Leo (Jack) Worley, 94, passed away peacefully on July 28, 2018, at Clyde Lassen State Veterans Nursing Home in St. Augustine, Florida. Jack was born February 2, 1924, the only child of Emmett Andrew Worley and Maudie May Dagonia Worley of Bonne Terre, Missouri. After moving to West Point, Kentucky, with his mother and step-father, who was stationed at Ft. Knox, Jack graduated from West Point High School where he and his high school sweetheart, the late Ruby Worley, were King and Queen of West Point High in his senior year. Jack served in combat in the U.S. Army in Europe during World War II and was awarded two Bronze Star Medals. Later in life he was admitted as a member of The American Society of the French Legion of Honor for his military service during World War II. He was honorably discharged in 1945 and married Ruby soon after he returned home. They moved to Ft. Lauderdale, Florida, in 1960 where Jack worked primarily in the insurance industry. In 1974 Jack and Ruby moved to Missouri to be near Jack's step-mother, Anne Worley. Jack, Ruby, and Anne moved to St. Augustine in 1996 to be near one of Jack and Ruby's sons, Rick, and his wife and children. Jack and Ruby were happily married 72 years and attended church on a regular basis. Jack's greatest pleasure was socializing with Ruby and their friends, dancing, and enjoying a good meal at a restaurant (though he was spoiled by Ruby's home-cooked meals and baking). In his later years he wrote his memoirs of his service during World War II and spent time communicating with friends and family on his iPad. Jack was predeceased by

his lovely and devoted wife, Ruby. Jack is survived by his sons Jerry L. Worley, Boca Raton, FL, L. Glenn (Barbara) Worley, Nashville, TN, and Richard T. (Gloria) Worley, St. Augustine, FL, grandchildren, Katrina (Calvin) Davis, St. Augustine, Natalie (David) Cañon, St. Augustine, Briana (Joel) Heitman, Franklin, TN, Mark (Kali) Worley, Franklin, TN, and Trevor (Stacey) Worley, Los Angeles, CA, great-grandchildren Tye Cañon, Xander Vance, Aaliyah Davis, Maximilian Cañon, Ruby Jane Worley, Ian Heitman, Emmett Worley, and Damian Davis, nieces Susan Shoraka, Jacksonville, FL, and Carolyn Baynham, Tequesta, FL, and nephew, Michael Basham, Louisville, KY. A funeral service will be held at St. Johns Family Funeral Home at 3:00 PM Saturday, August 11. The family will greet friends and relatives before the service from 2:00 PM to 3:00 PM. In lieu of flowers the family requests memorial donations be made to Grace Community Church, 7040 U.S. 1 North, St. Augustine, FL 32095.

# Tribute Wall

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“ I enjoyed knowing Jack & Ruby Worley for many years and loved being with them every chance I got. They were like a second set of parents to me after mine passed. I often told Jack I had adopted him as my father because I had a much closer relationship with him than I had with my own father. Thank you for letting me be your adopted daughter. Hugs, J\*

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**Jacquelyn C. Wright** - August 04, 2018 at 12:00 AM