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Ernst Robert "Ernie" Hansen, of St. Augustine, passed away on January 12, 2015 at The Bailey Family Center for Caring with his family by his side. He was two days short of his 90 birthday. Born in Denmark, Ernst moved to Canada as a young child and moved to St. Augustine at age 12 from Thunder Bay, Canada. Ernie served his country as a machinist mate in the U.S. Navy during W.W. II. After the war he returned to St. Augustine where he began work as a truck driver. In 1960 he began employment with Marineland, working in many capacities including maintenance and serving as Chief of the Marineland Fire Dept. until he retired in 1986. In his retirement he joined the St. Johns County Sheriffs Dept. working as a school crossing guard at Webster Elementary School for 17 years. He was a longtime member of St. Augustine Church of Christ. More than anything, he was a devoted husband, father and grandfather and will be deeply missed. He is survived by his wife of 60 years, Ruth H. Hansen of St. Augustine; daughters, Deborah Sandy (Bob), Jenny Wetherington (George), both of St. Augustine, Sandra Long (Mike) of Elkton, Charlotte Wallace of Jackson, Tennessee; a son, Robert Hansen of Interlachen; son-in-law, Steve Garris of St. Augustine; brother, Andy Hansen of Ohio, 11 grandchildren, 24 great-grandchildren, and 1 great great grandchild. He was preceded in death by daughter, Teresa Garris and son, Ernest Clarence Hansen. A funeral service will be held at 10 a.m. on

Saturday, January 17, at St. Augustine Church of Christ with Pastor Bob Burkert officiating. Committal services with military honors and interment will follow at Pellicer Creek Cemetery. A visitation will be held from 5 to 7 p.m. on Friday, January 16, at St. Johns Family Funeral Home. St. Johns Family Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.