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Farris Merrill "Bud" Smith, age 94, of St. Augustine, passed away on Feb. 23, 2014 at Moultrie Creek Nursing & Rehab Center. Bud was born in Tennille, GA, on July 1, 1919, and moved to Daytona Beach with his family in 1923. He played basketball and football at Mainland High School, and basketball at Stetson University. He served as a lifeguard with the Daytona Beach Red Cross Lifeguard Corps for several years before enlisting in the US Navy. During World War II, he served in the Pacific on the USS Currituck. He married his sweetheart, Phyllis Keating of Daytona, in 1943. They celebrated their 70th anniversary last year. After his honorable discharge, he graduated from the Southern College of Optometry and moved to central Florida, where he practiced optometry for over 50 years. Bud was a member of the Florida Highway Patrol Auxiliary for 26 years, rising to the rank of Major. He and Phyllis enjoyed traveling, scuba diving, and spending time with their family and friends. He had been a resident of St. Augustine since 1996, and was a member of Anastasia Baptist Church where he enjoyed singing in the Choir. He was a man of strong faith and good works. He is survived by his wife of 70 years, Phyllis Smith of St. Augustine; sons, Bryan (Jeanie) Smith of Jasper, Ga., Stephen (Paul) Smith of Key West, FL., Michael (Amy) Smith of Winter Haven, FL.; sisters in law, Marilyn Davis and Betsy Keating, both of St. Augustine, grandchildren, Holly, David, Elizabeth & Rosemary, and four great

grandchildren. A memorial service will be held at 2:00 pm on Wednesday, Feb. 26, at Anastasia Baptist Church with Dr. Walter West officiating. In lieu of flowers, donations in Bud's memory can be made to: Anastasia Baptist Church Building Fund, 1650 A1A South, St. Augustine, Florida 32080. St. Johns Family Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.