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Herbert Hoover "Herb" Sowell, age 85, of St. Augustine, passed away on March 12, 2015 at The Bailey Family Center for Caring. Herb was born and raised in Panama City, Florida where he worked as a commercial fisherman in his youth. During his school years he travelled to St. Augustine to attend the Florida School for the Deaf & Blind, and later moved to St. Augustine in 1956 to work as an Industrial Arts Teacher in the Blind Department at the school. He retired in 1987 after teaching for 30 years. He was a charter member of Anastasia Baptist Church, a life member of St. Augustine Lions Club, and a very active member of the Moose Lodge #1017 where he held every office in the club. More than anything, Herb was a committed Christian, a devoted husband, and a loving father and grandfather. He is survived by his wife of 60 years, Dorothy Sowell of St. Augustine; sons, Gary Sowell of St. Augustine, Brian Sowell and his wife Pam of Statesboro, Georgia; grandchildren, Gary Lynn Sowell, Bridget Dighton, Ashley Davis, Justin Sowell, and Brianna Sowell; and 9 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, 5 siblings, and a grandson, Jonathan Sowell. Funeral services will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, March 15, 2015 at Anastasia Baptist Church. A committal service and interment will be held at 1:00 p.m. on Monday, March 16, 2015 at Sunset Hill Cemetery in Valdosta, Georgia. A visitation will be held from 5 to 7 p.m. on Saturday, March 14, 2015 at St. Johns Family Funeral

Home. In Lieu of flowers donations can be made to Anastasia Baptist Church Building Fund, 1650 A1A South, St. Augustine, FL 32080. St. Johns Family Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.