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James O. "Jim" Smith, age 74, of St. Augustine, passed away on February 8, 2013 at the Bailey Family Center for Caring, surrounded by his family. Jim was born and raised in Cumberland, Kentucky, and served in the U.S. Army until it was discovered that he was underage, resulting in his being honorably discharged. Jim had been a resident of St. Augustine since 1962 and had worked for the Merita Bread Company for many years, during which time he moved to Wenatchee, Washington where he lived for 10 years while working for the Wonder Bread Company. Jim was a spiritual man of deep faith, enjoying the study of all religions. His love of God was evident. He was a devoted husband, and a loving father and grandfather and will be deeply missed. He is survived by his wife of 51 years, Verda Smith of St. Augustine; daughters, Jamie Smith of Washington State; Yvette Smith-Bredice of Tuscon, Arizona; Fonda Faulkner of Orange County, CA and Shannon Bellers of Piggott, AR; a son, Judah Smith of St. Augustine; sisters, Yvonne Cardens, Velma Smith and Naomi Phillips, all of St. Augustine, and Melinda Foster of Indiana; 16 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren and 12 nieces and nephews. Private services will be held. St. Johns Family Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.