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Jess W. Childre, age 91, of St. Augustine, passed away Tuesday, July 25, 2017 at Flagler Hospital. Jess was born in Fort Valley, Georgia. He attended Georgia Military College in Milledgeville, Ga. and was an U.S Army veteran serving in WWII and the Korean War. Jess was awarded the Silver Star for Valor and attained the rank of Captain before being discharged. In 1950 Jess received his Bachelor Degree from the University of Florida in Building Construction and over the years was an enthusiastic alumni supporter and Avid Gator Fan. Jess began his General Contracting and Home Building career in the mid 1950's. Jess lived and worked in Titusville, Florida for over 50 years where he specialized in the construction of affordable housing, building hundreds of homes during the space boom in Brevard County. Jess was always active in his community. He was a member of the Chamber of Commerce, and a longtime member of the Kiwanis Club where he served in numerous leadership positions. He was also a member of the National Home Builder's Assn. Since 1985, Jess and his wife Ida, a native of St. Johns County, have made St. Augustine their home. Remarkably, he remained active in Real Estate Sales and Land Development until his passing. Jess was a loving husband, father, and grandfather, and he will be deeply missed. He is survived by his wife of 67 years, Ida Marie Rogero Childre; a daughter, Zoe Childre Rutherford of Mims, FL.; a son, Jesse W. Childre, Jr. and his wife

Anita of St. Augustine; grandchildren, Che Childre, Jessica Tucker, Amanda Rutherford, Shannon McGreal, and Jacob Childre; and 12 great grandchildren. Services will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, July 29, 2017 at St. Johns Family Funeral Home, 385 State Road 207, St. Augustine, with Jamey Tucker officiating. A private committal service and interment will follow at St. Ambrose Cemetery. In lieu of Flowers, donations in Jess' memory can be made to the Jesse W. and Ida Marie Rogero Childre Endowment for Affordable Housing. Make checks payable to: University of Florida Foundation (memo: Endowment for Affordable Housing), and mail to: Rinker School of Construction Management, University of Florida, P.O. Box 115703, Gainesville, FL 32611-5703 St. Johns Family Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

# Tribute Wall

LG

“ Dearest Zoe and Jesse and all: I lost track of everyone in Florida after Aunt Celeste died. Mother (Mary Hardage Rodgers Averett and Buddy Averett) stayed in touch and I heard how all of you were doing for awhile, but with caregiving Mother (dementia) and Buddy's passing, I apologize that I hadn't recognized the aging of all of our parents and relatives. I Just came across this online, while remembering days on the St. Johns River with Uncle Roy and Aunt Celeste. It was a fluke, but I am grateful for the God-nudge that brought me to this page. Please know that I am holding you all in my heart, and this picture is perfect ... what a send off for a special man.

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**Linda Rodgers Goodman** - November 12, 2019 at 08:05 AM

LC

“ Our sympathies to the Childre family. We will always fondly remember Jess.

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**Lynne and Michael Capece** - July 28, 2017 at 12:00 AM

SH

“ Grandpa, I am so honored that you are my Grandpa. Thank for all your guidance and words of encouragements all these years. I am forever grateful that over the years we have grown so close. Thank you for our weekly talks and suggestions on life and preparing for the future. Watching you over the years and being able to spend quality time together has showed me what i have always wished for. Your loving, caring, and honored approach towards Grandma is what i consider true love. Thank you for being there for my mom after my father passed and giving her advice and encouragements over the years. Thank you for showing Celeste the true meaning of love and for showing her how much you loved her. This family has definetly taken a huge loss with you being gone but knowing that i will see you again makes each day a little better. I hope you have some pull in heaven because I am sure the Gators are going to need all the help they can get. Until I see you again, you are forever in my heart always and forever. Go Gators! I love you Shannon

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**Shannon** - July 28, 2017 at 12:00 AM

RR

“ Mr. Childre and family were a big part of my life. I truly admired him. My family was blessed by knowing him and his wife Ida. Jess Jr. And I went to school together. His mark in Titusville is still present. I see the buildings and homes his business built all over Titusvillr, Fl. One of the last of the greatest generation. My father JD Roberts always spoke highly of Jess. I thank him for his service to his country and his service to his community. God bless Jess Childre and family. Rick Roberts

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**Rick Roberts** - July 28, 2017 at 12:00 AM

MD

“ Jesse was a good man who was always kind and friendly toward me. I remember his "Round" House in Titusville. Also partied with him at the Robert Myer Hotel in Jacksonville, Florida for the Florida Georgia game! His son Jesse was also a good friend of mine. I am proud to have known Jesse W Childre.

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**Mike Dent** - July 27, 2017 at 12:00 AM

PM

“ Great person, was in Kiwanis club with him for years. My husband Hugh Mullins was 91 when he passed in 2014. They were great friends too and WWII veterans. A lot in common.

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**Pat Mullins** - July 27, 2017 at 12:00 AM