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John Wilson Coles, age 83, of Jacksonville, Florida passed away on February 20th. He was born and grew up in Nashville, Tennessee. He attended Vanderbilt University and served his country in the U.S. Army during the Korean War where he earned the Combat Infantryman's Badge. After the war, he returned to civilian life where he worked as an engineer for several railroads. He married Nina Gene White of Nashville and together they raised a family. They lived in Nashville, Birmingham, Chattanooga, Louisville and finally Jacksonville where he was employed by CSX. After retiring from CSX he worked for Baptist Hospital. John enjoyed spending time with his family, volunteering for various causes, travelling and exercising. He will be remembered as a generous person and will be missed by many and especially his family. He is survived by his children Julie Coles and Jay Coles both of Jacksonville, FL and their families who include Marie Combs, Lynn Wareh Coles and grandchildren Jack, Sam and Elena Coles. He is also survived by his sister Virginia Coles O'Brien of Orlando. A memorial service will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, March 7th, at Shepherd of the Woods at 7860 Southside Blvd., Jacksonville, FL 32256, where John enjoyed worship and fellowship. In lieu of flowers donations to John's memory can be made to the American Heart Association (http://honor.americanheart.org/site/TR/Events/General?pxfid=275177&fr_id=1030&pg=fund) or the Nourishment Network

(<http://wenourishhope.org/give>) St. Johns Family Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

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“ *I shared some fun times with John and Nina and miss them both. I know how proud they were of their family.* ”

Connie Longley - March 02, 2015 at 12:00 AM