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Michael Stephen Thigpen, 67, of Jacksonville, formerly of St. Augustine, died September 20, 2010 at Baptist Hospital South. He was born in Palatka and had resided in St. Augustine most of his life before moving to Jacksonville. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army and he worked as a produce broker. Mike loved NASCAR, fishing, and spending time at the beach. He also had a green thumb and could make anything grow. He especially enjoyed growing his datil pepper plants. One of Mike's favorite activities was watching his grandchildren play sports, so much so that he recently became a Gator fan and would watch his granddaughter on television playing soccer for the University of Florida on Friday's and Sunday's. Memorial services will be held 5:00 PM Thursday September 23, 2010 at St. Johns Family Funeral Home. Flowers are gratefully declined and those wishing may make a contribution in his memory to Community Hospice of NE Florida, 4266 Sunbeam Rd., Jacksonville, FL 32257. He is survived by three children, Marci Lang, Agoura Hills, CA, Wes Thigpen, Jacksonville, Linda Killingbeck, Anoka, MN; two sisters, Cindy Drawdy, Hastings, Candy Parnell, East Palatka; 10 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren. He is also survived by good friend and caregiver, Nancy Devers, Jacksonville. St. Johns Family Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.