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Orlando I. Russell, age 93, of St. Augustine, passed away on January 18, 2017 at his home. Born and raised in Jacksonville, Florida, Orlando served his country as a Bomber Engineer for three years in the U.S. Army during WWII. He went on to work in the telecommunications industry for 41 years, as an employee for Southern Bell and AT&T. Orlando relocated to St. Augustine in 1978 after living in southern Florida for seven years. Beside his work, he was a driver for the Council on Aging, a passion which gave him great fulfillment. Orlando was also known for loving his Westerns on television and in the movie theatre. Above all, he was a devoted husband, father, grandfather and great-father, and he will be deeply missed. He was preceded in death by a daughter, Cheryl E. Foote. He is survived by his wife of 70 years, Mildred E. Russell, of St. Augustine; a son, Orlando Ives Russell, Jr., and his wife, Joyce, of Claremore, OK; daughter, Del-Marie Borkert, and her husband, Denny, of Palatka FL; eight grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren. A memorial service with military honors will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, January 21, 2017 at St. Johns Family Funeral Home, with Rev. William Blalock officiating. Inurnment will take place on Monday, January 23, 2017 at Jacksonville National Cemetery. St. Johns Family Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.