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Ralph Thomas Hefter, age 83, passed away peacefully at the Clyde Lassen State VA Nursing Home in St. Augustine on August 10, 2016. He was born on January 10, 1933 to Gregor and Veronica Hefter in Hartford, Wisconsin. Mr. Hefter served in the United States Army during the Korean War. Following the Army, he owned and operated Superior Manufacturing, Inc. In 1967 he moved from Wisconsin to Clearwater, FL, where he raised his family. His true joy came from spending time with family, family gathering, boating, fishing, the Green Bay Packers, his grandchildren, and attending his grandchildren's sporting events. He was preceded in death by his sister, Violet Paegelow. Survivors include his daughter, Mary (Roy) Cribb; two sons, Todd Thomas and Richard James; five grandchildren, Ali (Andrew) Messenger, Lindsey (Derek) Wilson, Courtney Cribb, Jennifer Hefter, and Austin Hefter; and one great-grandchild, Aiden Messenger. A memorial service will be held at Jacksonville National Cemetery on August 19, 2016 at 11:00 a.m. with Army Honors. Arrangements are under the care of St. Johns Family Funeral Home.

Tribute Wall



“ *Ralph,*

How I miss you, I cannot even express. I know you watch over me. You'd be so proud, too. I'm almost through an Associate's degree. All As. I'm gonna be ok. You taught me well. You deserved so much better, and I'm sorry for the times I let you down. But you'll always be my grandfather.

I wish your eulogy was better; you were a great and deserving man. You were a man who deserves an epitaph in stone. I'll pay my respects soon, but know that I love you.

Your grandson,

Damien

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