



Ray Edward Helms, Sr.

August 29, 1928 - January 7, 2023

Ray Edward Helms, age 94, of Jacksonville, passed away peacefully on January 7, 2023 at the Stuart F. Meyer Hospice House in Palm Coast, with his family at his side. He was born August 29, 1928, in Hazelhurst, Georgia, moving to Jacksonville during his teenage years. Ray enlisted in the U.S. Navy at the age of 17, and after serving his country, he went to work for Western Auto and later Frito Lay, as a route salesman. Upon his retirement, Ray became a Bailiff for the Duval County Court System, where he served well into the first decade of 2000. He was a member of the University Boulevard Church of the Nazarene, and in his free time, he loved to go fishing. A reserved gentleman, Ray had an endearing dry sense of humor, and he was a loyal friend who was also deeply devoted to his family. He will be sorely missed.

Ray is survived by his sons, Ray E. Helms, Jr., and his wife, Angela, of Bunnell, Florida, and Jim Norman, and his wife, Mearline, of Tampa, Florida; brother, Theron Helms of MacClenny, Florida, sister, Marilyn Blackburn of Jacksonville of Jacksonville, Florida; and beloved grandchildren, Christopher Helms of Jacksonville, and Carrie Helms of Las Vegas, Nevada. He was preceded in death by his wife of over 40 years, Lessie Helms.

At Ray Sr.'s request, there will be no services.

St. Johns Family Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.