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Virgil Francis Young, Sr., age 93, of St. Augustine, passed away peacefully with his loving daughter by his side on January 3, 2018 at Samantha Wilson Care Center at BayView. Virgil was born and raised in St. Augustine. He graduated from Excelsior High School and joined the U.S. Navy at the age of 17 to serve his country during W.W. II. He served on the USS Reina Mercedes, USS Barr, USS Douglas Munroe and was stationed at NAS Pearl Harbor. After his discharge, Virgil attended Tuskegee University in Tuskegee, Alabama. In 1947 he eloped to marry Geraldine Mann. From that union two children were born, a daughter Cynthia, and a son, Virgil, Jr. Virgil was trained as a dietician and chef. He served in that capacity for Florida Memorial College in St. Augustine, the Harlem YMCA in New York, and for the famous Pink House in Myrtle Beach. He loved his work and was a hard worker, working 6 days a week for much of his career. After retiring, he returned to his hometown of St. Augustine. Virgil will be remembered as a gracious and giving man who had a wonderful sense of humor. He led a very active life and enjoyed reading, bowling, playing cards, dancing and cross word puzzles. He was loved by his family and friends and will be deeply missed. He is preceded in death by his beloved wife, Geraldine. He is survived by his devoted and caring daughter, Cynthia Young-Dukes and husband Lawson of St. Augustine; a loving son, Virgil Francis Young, Jr. of Gainesville; a loving

and supportive sister, Janie Young Price of St. Augustine. He also leaves grandchildren, David F. Mitchell, Virgil F. Young III, Melinda K. Mack, Catrina, Young, Devahn Young, great grandchildren, and treasured friends, Jeffery Bryant, and Herman and Val Bowens. We will always love you "Virg". A memorial service will be held at 10:30 am on Thursday, January 11, 2018 at St. Johns Family Funeral Home with Father Thomas S. Willis officiating. Committal services with military honors and Interment will follow at 1:30 pm at Jacksonville National Cemetery. A repast will begin at 3:30 pm on Thursday at American Legion Post 194, 1029 West Pearl Street, St. Augustine, FL. 32084. St. Johns Family Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.