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Walter Melvin "Mel" Beckham, 84, St. Augustine, passed away peacefully on October 12, 2016 at the Bailey Family Center for Caring with his family by his side. He was born in Fernandina Beach, son of the late Marion and Grace Beckham. Mel served his country honorably in the U.S. Air Force. After serving in the Air Force he began working for Fairchild Aviation as an aircraft mechanic. He retired from Fairchild and then began working as a manager for Circle W Auto Parts in 1970, working there 32 years until his retirement. Even in retirement Mel stayed very active by helping others by mowing their grass or serving in his church. He was a long time member of the Church of the Nazarene where he served in numerous ministries but loved serving the needs of our community through the Food Pantry Ministry. Memorial services will be held 4:00 p.m. Saturday October 15, 2016 at St. Johns Family Funeral Home with Pastors Andy Keffer and Tom Adams officiating. A visitation, beginning at 3:00 p.m., will precede the services. Flowers are gratefully declined and those wishing may make a contribution in his memory to the Church of the Nazarene, 6 May Street, St. Augustine, FL 32084, for use in the Food Pantry or for repairs for the extensive hurricane damage. Mel is survived by his loving wife of 50 years, Barbara Wall Beckham, St. Augustine; two daughters, Donna Jean Taylor, Tipp City, OH, Joelle Beckham Sutton, St. Augustine; three sisters, Barbara Irons, Winston, GA, Grace Earl Holland,

Fernandina Beach, Patty Ann Bibb, Sugarland, TX; grandchildren, Kristi Carney, Hanover Park, IL, Kayley Sutton, St. Augustine; and great-grandchild, Caleb Wright, Hanover Park, IL. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a granddaughter, Mandi Sutton; a sister, Juanita "Betty" Fiege; and brothers, Marion "Buster" Beckham Jr., Glen Beckham, and William Beckham. St. Johns Family Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

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“ *Our hearts are heavy at the loss of Mr Beckham, He has been our good neighbor and friend for over 30 years. We will surely miss you Mel being in your yards and ours raking and cleaning Up all the leaves. Rest in peace DEAR FRIEND.*

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