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Walter Thomas (Tom) Penny (12/12/1937), passed away at his home Tuesday, April 11, 2017 after a brief illness. He is survived by his wife Jean Tredinick Penny; two stepchildren, Vern Kelly (Erin) and Carol Yarborough (John); four grandsons, Billy, Corey, Connor and Carter. He had no siblings and his parents are both deceased. He was born in Wilmington, NC and grew up in Wrightsville Beach, but had lived in Florida for over 65 years. He moved to Florida when the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad transferred his family to Jacksonville right after he graduated from high school. He briefly worked for the railroad but left to become an agent for a maritime shipping company on the Jacksonville waterfront for many years. Later he worked in various capacities in the Jax Liquors corporate organization and ultimately retired from commercial real estate with St. Johns Trading Company, the parent company of Jax Liquors. Until recently, Tom faithfully delivered Meals on Wheels every Monday morning. For the past 10 years, he served as a humanitarian aid volunteer in Africa. He was greatly respected in Kenya and his many Kenyan friends affectionately called him "Baba Tusker" (in Swahili, "Baba" means "Grandfather" and Tusker is the national beer of Kenya). There will be a Remembrance Reception honoring Tom at Caps on the Water, 4325 Myrtle Street, St. Augustine, Florida 32084 on Tuesday April 18, 2017 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. In lieu of flowers, tax deductible memorial contributions in Tom's name to

“American Friends of Kenya”, 150 Yantic Street, #142, Norwich, CT 06360 or “Dreamcatcher, South Africa” (c/o Utopia Foundation, 111 Cass Street, Travers City, MI, 49684) would be deeply appreciated. We will also accept donations at the reception. St. Johns Family Funeral Home in St. Augustine, FL is in charge of the arrangements.

Tribute Wall

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“ *It has been years since we have seen you at Anderson's in Welaka. You were always such fun to be around. Thoughts and prayers for the family. Dave and Sally Kreglo*

David Kreglo - April 23, 2017 at 12:00 AM