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William P. "Bill" Murphy, 92, was blessed to be taken by the Lord on Christmas day with his family at his side at the Bailey Family Center for Caring. Bill was born December 11, 1924 in St. Louis, MO, son of the late Patrick J. and Mary C. Murphy. He graduated high school from Christen Brothers College Military in 1943 and attained numerous selections to All Star Athletic Teams. After graduation he entered the U.S. Army and was shipped overseas to join the 36th Infantry Division from Texas. During WWII, he saw action in Africa, Italy, Germany, France, Austria and was wounded twice. He received several Bronze Star Medals and two Purple Hearts. He attained the rank of First Sergeant at the age of 19. After returning home he attended Washington University and married Dellarose Shelton of St. Louis to whom he had been married for 68 years. They were blessed with five wonderful children.

Beverly, Kathleen, Michael, Kelly, and Patrick. After several transfers in a corporate structure, Bill and Dell retired to St. Augustine. Bill became active in the Knights of Columbus at this time and served as Grand Knight twice.

During this period Bill was happiest when their six grandchildren and five great grandchildren came to visit. "Pops" was dearly loved by all these children. In addition to being preceded in death by his parents, he was also preceded in death by Robert E. and Glen J. Murphy. A memorial Mass will be held 11:00 a.m. Tuesday January 3, 2017 at St. Anastasia Catholic Church with Rev.

Timothy Lindenfelser officiating. Flowers are gratefully declined and those wishing may make a contribution in his memory to the Sisters of St. Joseph Museum, PO Box 3506, St. Augustine, FL 32085 or St. Anastasia Catholic Church Building Fund, 5205 A1A S, St. Augustine, FL 32080. St. Johns Family is in charge of arrangements.