



Ford Dehaven Jr.

January 8, 1928 - September 13, 2016

Miles~Nobles Funeral Home and Crematory announces the services for Ford J. DeHaven, Jr., age 88, who passed away Tuesday, September 13, 2016 peacefully at his home in the presence of his family. Born the only son of Ford and Margaret DeHaven in Tampa, Florida on January 8, 1928 and lived in Winter Haven, Florida. He graduated from Winter Haven High School, attended Florida Southern College and Saint Leo in San Antonio, Florida. In his earlier years he worked as a butcher and was known as a very skillful hydroplane racer.

He enlisted in the United States Air Force and Served as a Staff Sargent and Tail Gunner with the 341st Bomb Squadron during the Korean War. He received several accommodations and was honorably discharged on December 23, 1955.

He returned to Winter Haven and started a sign company in 1952 (which his sons and grandson continue today). He designed and produced all the signs for Cypress Gardens and many other clients, all of which were skillfully hand lettered.

He spent many weekends hunting, fishing and canoeing with family and spent vacations at New Smyrna Beach. Also he had several large cabin cruisers that he used for fishing and exploring from Tampa through the Florida

Keys up to Stuart Florida and in the Bahamas.

Ford helped found the Winter Haven Skeet and Trap Club, was past president and past chief referee for the Florida Skeet Association and was inducted into the Florida Skeet Hall of Fame. He was the past president of Winter Haven Lions Club and Lake Region Sportsman Club and a member of the Baxley Lions Club.

After he retired in 1983 he designed and built a house and relocated to Alma, Georgia with his wife Laura Dailey, where he hunted, fished and farmed up to his last day.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Ford and Margaret McCabe DeHaven; one stepson, Andrew Avinger and one sister, Anna Laura Brown.

Survivors include his wife Laura Dailey; two sons, Bill DeHaven and wife Cheryl and Mark DeHaven and wife Kathy; two daughters, Carol DeHaven and friend Ziggy and Nancy McKinney and husband Fletcher; two stepchildren, Steve Avinger and David Avinger; eight grandchildren, Benjamin DeHaven, Summer DeHaven, Joy DeHaven, Chris DeHaven, Matthew DeHaven, Tiffany McKinney, Nichole (Nikki) McKinney and Kimber Avinger and eight great grandchildren.

Rosary service will be held at 10:15am.

Funeral mass will follow Saturday, September 17, 2016 at 11am at Saint Rose of Lima Catholic Church with Father Rafael Estrada and Father Paul O'Connell officiating.

The family will receive friends at a reception following services honoring the

life of Mr. Ford J. DeHaven, Jr.

In lieu of flowers the family requests donations be made to the Saint Rose of Lima Catholic Church building fund at 1520 City Circle Road, Baxley, GA 31513.

Friends and family may sign the online guest book at milesnobles.com.

Miles~Nobles Funeral Home and Crematory is in charge of the arrangements for Ford J. DeHaven, Jr.

Tribute Wall

LL

“ A great parent, friend and mentor, I had the honor to know and be apart of his life and family. He will be missed,.

Lamar langley - October 13, 2016 at 12:00 AM

BD

“ I lost my best friend, Trainer (painting shooting , fishing , life) Will think of him every day Twice on Sundays! Thanks to all who took time to be a part of his life & final days Especially Baxley Church people who were his other family Fr. PAul & Fr. EstradaAnd also for the Cooks What marvelous food you guys made for our familyLove you all Look forward to stopping in every once in a whileBill DeHaven

Bill DeHaven - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

JA

“ Carol, my heart is with you and your family. I know how much your dad meant to all of you and he will be greatly missed. I hope your wonderful memories will help you through this difficult time.

Joni Allen - September 16, 2016 at 12:00 AM

BP

“ I am so sorry Carol. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

Bob Payne - September 16, 2016 at 12:00 AM

TS

“ Terry and Billie Shreve lit a candle for



Terry and Billie Shreve - September 16, 2016 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ *May the road rise up to meet you. May the wind always be at your back. May the sun shine warm upon your face, and rains fall soft upon your fields. And until we meet again, may God hold you in palm of His hand.....*

Maggie Stewart-Greenhill - September 15, 2016 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ Maggie Stewart-Greenhill lit a candle for



Maggie Stewart-Greenhill - September 15, 2016 at 12:00 AM

ES

“ *A RAYSOF SUMMER SUNSHINE was ordered on September 15, 2016*

Expression of Sympathy - September 15, 2016 at 12:00 AM

JR

“ *John & Margaret Redman lit a candle for*



John & Margaret Redman - September 14, 2016 at 12:00 AM

ES

“ *A SPATHIPHYLLUM was ordered on September 14, 2016*

Expression of Sympathy - September 14, 2016 at 12:00 AM

FF

“ *Friends and Family uploaded 1 to the gallery.*

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