



Herschel Alva Rooks

May 30, 1927 - March 7, 2016

Madison: 4th Generation Florida Cattleman, Herschel Alva Rooks, Senior Born May 30, 1927 in Citrus County, FL, entered into rest March 7, 2016 in Madison County, FL.

He was preceded in death by his wife Karla Calvert Rooks, sisters Fay Johnson and Bertha May Landrum, brothers Leroy and Edwin.

He is survived by daughters, Bertha Rooks Allen and husband Gordie of Winter Garden, FL; Catherine Rooks Cassidy and husband Bart of Madison, FL; and son, Herschel Rooks, Jr., and wife Toby; grandchildren, Herschel Rooks III and great granddaughter, Alivia Rooks, Madison, FL; Shonna Silvernell and husband Robb of Valdosta, GA and great grandson, Robbie, Jr. grandson Micah Linton and wife Elisa, and two great grandsons, Dylan and Dustin of Fort Lewis, WA.

In September 1961, an article in The Tampa Tribune titled, "Up-Grading Range Cattle Pays Off for Citrus County Ranch" . Brothers Edwin and Herschel were credited with long-range planning of their calf herd to breed some of the finest blood-lines to go to market. At the time, Quentin Medlin, County Agent for Citrus County, commented that, "if all of Florida ranches were as well planned and as carefully managed as the Rooks Ranch, Florida would be producing the south's finest cattle." Herschel was a member of The Florida Cattleman's Association and the First United Methodist Church of Madison. He was an avid hunter and outdoor sportsman who hosted hunting camps for friends and family for over 22 years. He was a member of the

National Rifle Association. He was a veteran of World War II serving in the US Navy.

There will be 5 "" 7 pm visitation Friday, March 11th at Beggs Funeral Home, 235 NW Orange Ave., Madison, FL 32340 (850)973-2258. A funeral service will be held 3 pm, Saturday, March 12, 2016 at the First United Methodist Church of Madison, followed by internment at the family gravesite at the Ebenezer Cemetery.

Tribute Wall

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“ I am having lots of memories of the good ole days as neighbors! So sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with all of you. Love to the Rook"s family always.

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“ Rooks Family, I wanted to take a moment and extend our sympathies to your family on behalf of The Wynn Family. I have enjoyed being able to visit the Rooks Ranch and build memories with my daughter riding on the Polaris and enjoying the wonderful pictures we have taken on the property with the Tractors and the Livestock. We have enjoyed seeing Herschel and previous Karla in addition to the extended family at Catherine and Bart"s Christmas gathering at their home every year. This has been a wonderful tradition many have maintained and looked forward to every Christmas Season. The preparation and excellent Venison Toby and Sonny and Company work so hard to prepare for all of us. Please know the positive impact your family has has on ours and your willingness to share the beautiful land The Lord has provided you all to care for. Blessing and Peace to your Family. Clint



Clinton C. Wynn & Family - March 11, 2016 at 01:28 PM