



Joseph "J.W." Thomas Jr.

July 19, 1924 - March 4, 2015

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Joseph Washington "J.W." Thomas, Jr., 90, went home to be with the Lord on March 4, 2015. He died of natural causes at AdventChristianVillage, where he lived the last two years of his life. He was born in Lee, Florida on July 19, 1924. He was the son of Mamie and Joseph Washington Thomas, Sr. He was the last surviving child of a very large old Madison County Family. He had one full brother, Stacy, and many half brothers and sisters.

He left MadisonCounty in the Mid 1940"s to work in the fruit industry that had boomed after the war. While working for one particular fruit packing house, he said his eye was often drawn to the manager"s daughter, "a pretty little thing," named Edith Juanita Daniels. J.W. and "Nita" were married in September, 1947. Together with his father-in-law, J.W. built his family home just outside Eagle Lake, Florida.

J.W. was later employed by U.S.S. Agri. in Bartow for more than 25 years. He was a mechanic, welder and electrician. For most of his adult life, he owned a small cattle ranch in Alturas, FL. His children and grandchildren have wonderful memories of him working with his cows and bottle-feeding calves.

We will miss his sense of humor and a certain boyishness that remained in him to the end.

He and Nita were married for 66 years before she preceded him in death in May, 2014. He is survived by two daughters: Laneece Vann Condry and Dale Thomas (husband Jerry McDonald), grandchildren Josie Gaskins (husband Daniel) and Jessica Diericks, one great-grandchild, Katie, and sister-in-law, Myrtle Daniels. There will be a graveside service at MidwayBaptistChurch Saturday, March 7 at 2 p.m. Flowers may be sent to Beggs Funeral Home at 235 NW Orange Ave., Madison, FL.

Tribute Wall



“ Laneece and Martha Dale:\r\nI am so sorry that you lost your Daddy. I know how hard that is for both of you. Now your Mama and Daddy are so happy to be together again in the presence of Jesus. \r\nI wish I could be with you today, but please know that my love is with you. \r\nLove, \r\nConnie

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