

Buchanan & Cody Funeral Home

Robert H. Harp, Sr.

(May 28, 1922 - September 18, 2013)

Robert H. Harp Sr., 91, of Jacksonville, died Wednesday, Sept. 18, 2013, at Boyd Memorial Hospital in Carrollton.

He was born May 28, 1922, in Roodhouse, the son of J. Herschel and Cecile Edwards Harp. He married Doris M. Moss on Feb. 6, 1943, in Philadelphia, PA, and she preceded him in death on Nov. 9, 2002.

He is survived by two sons and two daughters, Robert H. (Susan T.) Harp, Jr. of Pasadena, TX, David W. (Patti) Harp of Middletown, NY, Cecile Deborah (David) Decker of South Jacksonville, and Monica Rubin of Chatham; eight grandchildren and four step-grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren and nine step great-grandchildren; four great-great-grandchildren; and two sisters, Mary Ann Ranson of Franklin and Geraldine Hanback of Manchester. He was preceded in death by one sister, Katherine Million.



Mr. Harp was a World War II veteran of the U.S. Navy, serving aboard the USS Boise and the USS New Jersey. He then served in the U.S. Naval Reserve for the next 40 years, retiring with the rank of Chief Boatswain's Mate. Following the war, he worked for Laclede Steel in Alton and Case Implement in Rockford. He then farmed in the Roodhouse area for nine years before moving to Jacksonville to work for Morgan County FS. Following that, he began work for Clancy & Thompson Mobile Homes and Sales and later Jess Spradlin Home Sales. Mr. Harp enjoyed woodworking and sewing.

Graveside military honors will be held 2 p.m. Tuesday at Camp Butler National Cemetery in Springfield. Friends may call after 2 p.m. Monday at Buchanan & Cody Funeral Home in Jacksonville, where the family will meet friends 5-7 p.m. Memorials are suggested to the Alzheimer's Association. Condolences may be left at www.buchanancody.com.

"I was the 969th man assigned to the USS New Jersey up to Portland, Maine when it was first commissioned. The USS New Jersey was recommissioned and my oldest son Bob, Jr. was on the first voyage after recommissioning , in the 80's."

-Robert H. Harp, Sr.