



Francis Allen Bates

August 3, 1929 - July 26, 2021

Francis Allen Bates, Sr, 91 of Altoona, FL passed away on July 26, 2021. He was born on August 3, 1929 in Umatilla, FL, to his parents: James Owen Bates and Ruth Allen Bates. He was a mechanic for Golden Gem Growers.

He is survived by his sons: Allen Bates, Jr. and Tony (Rebecca) Free; daughters: Melanie Wissoff, Valerie Herkl and Jennifer Hehe; brother: Johnny (Joanne) Bates; numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his wife: Byrl Jean Bates.

A viewing will be held Wednesday, August 4, 2021 from 10:00 to 11:00AM at the First Baptist Church of Umatilla with service to begin at 11:00AM with Pastor Brooks Braswell officiating. Interment will follow at Lakeside Memory Gardens in Eustis, FL.