



Ivan L. Gaskins

August 19, 1924 - May 12, 2015

Obituary of Ivan Gaskins

Ivan Lacy Gaskins, 90, of Groveland, Florida, was born August 19, 1924 in Winter Haven, Florida and went home to be with the Lord Wednesday, May 12, 2015. Ivan entered the U.S. Navy in the 11th grade, after he got a deferment for farming, but could not afford the seeds to plant. He sent a letter to the draft board and told them he was not farming and was drafted, serving on the AM 278 USS Project Aux Mine Sweeper. He worked the east coast escorting tankers and merchant ships during WWII. They called themselves "The Ghost of the East Coast". He was in Japan when he got his orders for discharge. They were there to invade Japan, if it had not been for the "A" bomb. He received his diploma after he got out of service and was a graduate of Groveland High School. Ivan retired from Dura Stress in Leesburg, FL and spent the remainder of his life working on his ranch in Groveland and hunting camp in Georgia. Throughout his life he was a strong advocate for the Lord and taught of the Lord's blessings. He had read the Bible many times over. He also enjoyed gardening and hunting. He is survived by his wife of 67 years, Margaret Gaskins, daughter, Judith Ann (Raymond) Burk of Bushnell, FL; son, Ricky Ivan Gaskins of Groveland, FL; granddaughters: DeAndra (Ron) Pitts of Bushnell, FL, Rickie LeAnne Gaskins of Webster, FL, Brittani (Justin) Tomlinson of Groveland, FL; grandson, Jason Edward Burk, stationed in Oman; and 7 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his brother,

Billy William Gaskins; sister, Freda Elizabeth Purcell; and niece, Carrie Wanda Nichols.

Graveside Services

Family will receive friends from 9:30 to 10:00 a.m. and graveside service will follow at 10:00 a.m. with Reverend Marvin Strickland officiating, at Garden of Memories on Friday, May 15, 2015.

Tribute Wall



“ *So very sorry for your loss he will be missed Lee and Mrs Mary*

Lee Cole - May 16, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ *Ivan L. Gaskins*

May 13, 2015 at 12:00 AM