

John Richard Gause



John Richard Gause of Bradenton, passed away peacefully on June 11, 2015 in Tucker, Ga. with his son, Larry by his side. He is survived by his children, Richard Gause (Steve) of Orlando, FL, Bob Gause (Kris) of Palmetto, FL, Larry Gause (Annette) of Tucker, GA, Libby Preston (Bob) of Dunwoody, GA; stepson, Keith Raye of Winston-Salem, NC, his sister, Linda G. Connor (Neuman) of Columbia, SC, sixteen grandchildren and two great grandchildren. He was predeceased by his second wife, Shirley; his step-son,

Marcus Raye (Cathy); his step-daughter, Marsha Raye--Selman; his sisters, Gladys G. Metzger, Claudine G. Robertson and E. Juanita Robertson. He was born on August 20, 1928 in Florence, SC. A Korean War Veteran, John graduated from Clemson University in 1956 with a degree in Electrical Engineering. He moved to Florida to become a project engineer with the Florida Power & Light, Co. He subsequently moved his family to Manatee County in 1960 where he was a Supervisor in the FPL Bradenton Yard. He retired from FPL in 1986 as Assistant Transmission & Distribution Manager for the Western Division. From 1992 – 1996 he served Manatee County as the District One County Commissioner. An avid sportsman and outdoor enthusiast, he played softball in the local church league for many years and also enjoyed golfing, camping, fishing and hunting. He especially enjoyed the camaraderie of family and friends while fishing at Lake Okeechobee. He will be missed greatly. Memorial Service was on Tuesday, June 16th at Brown & Sons Funeral Homes & Crematory 43rd Street Chapel, 604 43rd Street West, Bradenton, FL 34209. The family requests that in lieu of flowers, donations be made to the Boys and Girls Clubs of Manatee County, P.O. Box 280 Bradenton, FL 34206. Condolences to www.brownsandsonsfuneral.com.