



Charles Raymond Brooks

March 15, 1924 - October 4, 2013

Charles Raymond Brooks was born in Memphis, Tennessee on March 15, 1925. The youngest child of Robert Grady Brooks and Mattie Farris Brooks. He enlisted in the Tennessee National Guard at age fifteen and served on Active Duty in the U.S. Army with the Headquarters Battery, 115th Field Artillery before being discharged for Minority Enlistment in October 1941. After the attack of Pearl Harbor Charles enlisted in the U.S. Navy at age seventeen and served in the Pacific Theatre of Operations as an Assault Boat Coxswain. While home on leave in 1945 he met and married Gladys Eula Martin of Bald Knob, Arkansas. Except for a brief recall to Active Duty in the U.S. Navy during the Korean War Charles spent the next twenty-six years as a Fire Fighter with the City of Memphis Fire Department and retired as a Captain in July 1972. He and Gladys then moved to their property in the Twenty-Three Community north of Bald Knob. Charles spent most of the next two decades as a law enforcement officer with various Arkansas departments including the City of Bald Knob and the White County Sheriff's Office. He was also a member of The Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, the Veterans of Foreign Wars and a Life Member of the Disabled American Veterans. In 2000 Charles and Gladys moved to Saint Petersburg, Florida to be near their son and daughter. Gladys passed away in 2012 and was soon followed by Charles on October 4th, 2013. They have 2 children, Patricia Brooks Patterson of Fort Smith, Arkansas and Robert Grady Brooks II of Saint Petersburg, Florida and many grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Visitation will be held Friday from 6:00-8:00 p.m. A memorial service will be held Saturday, December 21, 2013, 2:00 p.m. at the Powell Funeral Home Chapel in Bald Knob. Interment with military honors will follow in the Shady Grove Cemetery Steward Addition. Arrangements entrusted to Powell Funeral Home Bald Knob-Judsonia. www.powellfuneralhome.net