



Arnold Simonsen

January 1, 1916 - December 19, 2012

Arnold Simonsen went to be with His Lord and Savior on Wednesday, December 19th. He would have been 97 years old on New Year's Day. A resident of Harbor Chase Assisted Living in Tallahassee, FL, he had a deep and abiding faith, and his knowledge of the Bible was an inspiration to many. While born in Brooklyn, New York, on January 1, 1916, he grew up in southern Norway, returning to New York in his early twenties. He worked for Exxon (then Esso) fueling ships in New York harbor and soon rose to become a captain. He and his wife were members of The First Evangelical Free Church in Brooklyn, which had a vital Norwegian congregation. He retired, at age 56, to Edgewater, Florida. His wife had special needs and he ministered to her faithfully. Both were members of the First Baptist Church. Three years ago, after the death of his wife, he came to Tallahassee to be near family. He lived with his daughter before moving to Harbor Chase in September, where he was happy to be able to attend church services and Bible studies once again and to forge strong friendships with many of the residents.

He is predeceased by his wife, Dagny, and his sisters, Ruth and Elsie. He leaves behind two daughters, Astrid Reynolds and Janet Gough (Gary); three grandchildren, Kristina Osterhaus (Tim), Erin Horton (Christian), and Christian Gough; and four great grandchildren, Elizabeth, Will, Anne, and Ian Osterhaus.

A Memorial Service will be held on Friday, December 28, 2012 at 1 o'clock in the afternoon at First Baptist Church (130 East Park Avenue Edgewater, FL

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(386) 428-5212). Bevis Funeral Home of Tallahassee is assisting the family with their arrangements (850-385-2193, www.bevisfh.com).