



## Carlton Lee Wathen

August 21, 1928 - June 19, 2014

Carlton Lee Wathen, Carrabelle, Florida native, age 85 passed away Wednesday, June 18, 2014.

A dedicated Merchant Seaman for 39 years, Mr. Wathen started his initial (Engine) training and received his certificate of graduation from U. S. Maritime Service Training Station in St. Petersburg, FL on December 7, 1947.

Subsequent training led to an officially licensed position as Third Assistant Engineer, steam vessels on February 2, 1953 and later Second Assistant Engineer of steam vessels on September 22, 1983. He completed his maritime service officially in 1994. An Army Veteran, inducted into the U.S. Army on March 11, 1953, CPL Carlton Lee Wathen served during and after the Korean War from 1953 to 1961 and was honorably discharged from the Army Reserve March 23, 1961. Mr. Wathen served as Carrabelle's City Commissioner from 1985 to 1993 and was elected Mayor of Carrabelle where he faithfully served his community and town from 1991 to 1995. Member of the Episcopal Church of the Ascension. Christian-Husband-Father-Brother-Leader-Volunteer and Friend.

Mr. Wathen is survived by his Wife: Grace Mattair Wathen, Carrabelle, FL; two Daughters: Jennifer (Jeff) Lowery, Jacksonville, FL; Jessica (Joey) Ward, Apalachicola, FL; sister: Winifred Bowyer, Tallahassee, FL; twelve grandchildren, and four great grandchildren; American Legion, VFW, and Lions Club friends. He will be dearly missed by a huge family and many, many friends.

Mr. Wathen was predeceased by father and mother: William Thales Wathen and Maude Elizabeth Wathen; brother: Thales Wathen Jr. and sister: Elizabeth Wathen Tyler.

A memorial service will be held at the Episcopal Church of the Ascension with Mother Phoebe McFarlin officiating. The family will receive guests immediately after services directly behind the church in "Wathen Hall".

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to Church of the Ascension.

David Conn of Bevis Funeral Home, Harvey-Young Chapel in Crawfordville is assisting the family. (850-926-3333 or [bevisfh.com](http://bevisfh.com))

# Tribute Wall

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“ Carlton was my Mother's Brother. Uncle Carlton took me hunting for the first time when I was a young boy. I still have foreign money in my desk that he brought me when he sailed around the world with the Merchant Marines. I learned a lot from him.

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**Rick Bowyer** - January 29, 2021 at 12:22 AM