



James Bowen May Sr.

October 14, 1922 - December 13, 2018

James Bowen May Sr., 96, passed away on December 13, 2018 at home in Jacksonville, FL. He was born on October 14, 1922 in Bainbridge, GA to the late Leon Nathaniel and Russell Beatrice May.

Bowen grew up in Tallahassee, FL. His early education was in Leon Co Schools and he graduated from Norman Park private school in Moultrie, GA. He attended the University of Florida. He enlisted in the Merchant Marines and later the U.S. Airforce as an aerial photographer during WWII. In 1951, he married Janice Brown and they had 2 sons. In 1958, he moved his family to Jacksonville, FL to manage a new financial loan co. He worked for Duval Motors and became Montgomery Ward credit manager. He then worked for Gulf Life/American General Insurance Company and received every award given by that company. He retired in 1987. His main interest after retirement was family, Good Shepard Episcopal Church, his rose garden, Sons of the American Revolution, The Sons of the Confederacy and the Museum of Southern History.

He is survived by his spouse of 67 yrs. Janice May, Jacksonville, FL; his sons Michael L. May Sr. (Cynthia) of Jacksonville, FL; James B. May Jr. (Kathy) of Monticello, FL; his grandchildren, Michael L. May Jr.(Cassidy), Alexandria J. May Webb(Cooper); great-grandchild Michael L. May III; step great-grandchildren James Futch and Keegan Webb; and his nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Bowen is preceded in death by his grandson James B. May III.

A graveside service will be held at 1:30PM on Monday, December 17, 2018 at Oakland Cemetery in Tallahassee. In lieu of flowers the family requests memorial donations be made to Community Hospice & Palliative Care, 4266 Sunbeam Rd., Jacksonville, FL 32257 or The Museum of Southern History, 4304 Herschel St. Jacksonville, FL 32210.

Previous Events

Graveside Service

DEC 17. 1:30 PM (ET)

Oakland Cemetery
838 N Bronough St
Tallahassee, FL 32303

Tribute Wall

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“ So sorry to hear about Bowen. He will truly be missed by everyone. His gracious personality welcomed me to the family with a big smile. I enjoyed all of the visits and conversations we had. Love and prayers to the family now and in the coming weeks.
Suzanne Peavy

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