



Wayne Jernigan

June 1, 1935 - March 14, 2015

Wayne Jernigan, beloved husband for fifty-eight years of former Illa Jean Bennett, passed away on Saturday, March 14, 2015. Wayne was the father of Gina Geckler and Bill Jernigan, and father-in-law to Beth Jernigan and the late Jack Geckler. Grandchildren include Tyler and Michelle Belflower, Isaac Vasquez, Katie and Christian Cochran, Jared Jernigan and Hannah Beth Jernigan.

Wayne was born in Mulberry on June 1, 1935 to Molly and Leon Jernigan. He was raised in Wauchula with his siblings, Donald, Lauretta, and Stanley. Wayne graduated from the University of Florida with a degree in Citrus Production. He remained an avid Gator fan and enjoyed watching the games with Jack, also a U.F. graduate.

After returning to Hardee County, Wayne was involved in the citrus industry. He was employed by Swift and Company, Florida Favorite Fertilizer and Florida Fertilizer as a sales representative for many years. He also enjoyed owning citrus groves and raising cattle. Wayne was a Christian and long-standing member of the First Baptist Church of Wauchula; he served two terms as a Hardee County School Board Member, was State Director of Florida Farm Bureau, and was employed as a realtor for Joe L. Davis, Real Estate. Foremost, Wayne was a loving and devoted husband, father, grandfather, and friend. All that knew him will miss his words of wisdom,

instruction, and his stories of adventure.

Services to honor Wayne's life will begin with visitation at 4:00 PM on Friday, March 20, 2015 at the First Baptist Church of Wauchula. The funeral will begin at 4:30 PM and a social gathering will follow in the Fellowship Hall.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 20. 4:00 PM - 4:30 PM (ET)

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Funeral Service

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