



Leland Ray Gates

April 25, 1933 - December 21, 2014

Leland Ray Gates, 81 of Graceville passed away Sunday, December 21, 2014 at his residence following an extended illness. Mr. Gates was born in Grove Hill, Alabama on April 25, 1933 to the late Raybon and Bessie Riley Gates. A U.S. Marine Veteran of the Korean Conflict, Mr. Gates was a retired Engineer having worked with Standard Dredge for 24 years and worked for 17 years with the Army Corp of Engineers. He was a member Galilee United Methodist Church. Predeceased by his parents, two sons Doug Gates and Larry Gates. Survived by his beloved wife of 56 years Elizabeth; son Mike Gates; daughter Barbara Ann Gates Justice, Graceville; daughter-in-law Deborah Maloy Gates, Cottdale; brother Jerry Gates(Betty), Lynn Haven, FL; brother-in-law Frank Peterson, Graceville; sister-in-law Mary Holton, Dothan, AL; eleven grandchildren, eight great grandchildren, several nieces and nephews. Graveside service was held 2 p.m., Monday, December 22, 2014 at Damascus Cemetery with Revs. Brian Taylor and Johnny Jones officiating, James & Lipford Funeral Home directing.