

## **Leon Rewis**

Leon Rewis, 92, of Satsuma went to be with his Savior Saturday, May 3, 2014 at the Crestwood Nursing Center in Palatka.

Born in Moultrie, Georgia on June 16, 1921, Rewis had been a resident of Palatka for the past 20 years, having come from St. Augustine. Not long after his birth, his family moved to the Welaka-Georgetown area and then moved to Jacksonville. When WWII broke out, he enlisted in the United States Navy where he served on the escort ship Carnelian. Mr. Rewis retired from Claude Nolan Cadillac in Jacksonville as a mechanic. While living in Palatka, he was a member of Hillcrest Baptist Church. He had managed the Severt Christmas Tree lot in East Palatka for 23 years. While living in St. Augustine, he was active in the Wards Creek Baptist Church.

Rewis enjoyed Florida Gator football, Gator National Drag Racing in Gainesville and fishing. He was very handy. He could build things, could drill a well and enjoyed doing home repairs for members of his church.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Leon and Thelma Rewis; two grandsons, Justin Slaughter and Tyler Rewis; two brothers, Eston and Blanchard Rewis; a sister, Mildred McMinn; two stepsisters, Emma Sapp and Edna Fender.

Rewis is survived by his wife of 35 years, Sarah Rewis of Satsuma, three daughters, Gayle Ireland and Tanya Pass, both of Navarre, FL and Diane Polk of East Palatka; one son, Leon Rewis, Jr. of Milton; two brothers, John C. Rewis of Crescent City and Cotton Rewis of Moniac, Georgia; one sister, Juanita Rentz of Satsuma; five grandchildren, Shawn, Shannon, Kimberly, Perét and Elliot; four great-grandchildren, Chris, Nick, Meadow and Clayton; one great-great-granddaughter, Marley, and numerous nieces and nephews.

The funeral service will be noon, Wednesday, May 7, 2014 at the Masters Funeral Home of Palatka with Pastor Willie McKinnon officiating. The family will receive friends one hour prior to the service. In honor and celebration of Rewis' life, a video tribute will be shown. Interment will be in the Etoniah Cemetery in Bardin. Military funeral honors are being bestowed by the United States Navy.

The family wishes to express special thanks to the staff of the Crestwood Nursing Center for their compassionate care.

In lieu of flowers, memorial gifts may be sent to a favorite charity or to the Hillcrest Baptist Church Building Fund, 2009 President St., Palatka, FL 32177

Messages of sympathy may be expressed on Mr. Rewis' guestbook at [www.themastersfuneralhomes.com](http://www.themastersfuneralhomes.com).

Masters Funeral Home of Palatka is in charge of arrangements.

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