



## Mr. Fred Thomas Hanes

February 27, 1927 - December 27, 2020

Fred Thomas Hanes passed away peacefully at home on December 27, 2020. He was born on February 27, 1927 in Evansville. IN

He was preceded in death by his parents Jack Edward Hanes and Julia Pearl Hanes; and his siblings, Dorothy Jean Hanes, Jack Edward Hanes Jr, Bill Hanes, John Hanes, Jim Hanes, and Thurman (Pete) Hanes.

He lost his wife and love of his life Bessie Mae Wilkins Hanes in March of 2012. They were married on June 13, 1948 in Evansville. IN. They lived in Stone Mountain, GA from 1963 until 1992 when they moved to Nicholson, GA. He moved to Apopka, FL in November 2018, where he resided until his death.

He served in the Pacific Theater in WWII aboard the USS Tennessee. He was an honorably discharged veteran of the US Navy.

After returning home, he initially worked with his dad as a carpenter, met & married Bessie Mae, and was a camera operator for a local Evansville TV station before moving into radio and finally a position with AT&T, where he worked until he retired in 1988. After retiring, he was busier than ever going wherever and whenever they wanted with his bride. He enjoyed woodworking making furniture and taking great pride in his new home in Nicholson with its 5 acres. He enjoyed monthly breakfasts at Cracker Barrel with a group of

friends from AT&T. They dubbed themselves ROMEO (RETIRED OLD MEN EATING OUT). He continued meeting with them for almost 30 years until his move to FL.

He enjoyed being in warmer weather and made fast friends with Sparky, who was always at his feet.

He is survived by his sister, Beverly Ann Hanes of Evansville, IN; his children, Victoria Diane Hanes of Apopka, FL, Phillip E Hanes (Mary) of Tampa, FL and Patricia Ann Phillips (Perry) of Flowery Branch, GA; his grandchildren, Christopher Hanes (Megan) of Ocala, FL, Ashley Hagin (Adam) of Oakwood, GA, Jennifer Hanes of Apopka, FL, Michael Hanes of San Francisco, CA and Cooper Phillips of Flowery Branch, GA; and 3 great-grandchildren, Caroline Hanes, Copeland Hagin, and Harper Mae Hanes.

A private graveside service will be held.

In lieu of flowers you may donate to ST Jude's in his name. This was a charity he believed in and contributed to every month.

Little-Ward Funeral Home, Commerce is in charge of arrangements.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. Fred Thomas Hanes*

October 09, 2023 at 05:17 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. Fred Thomas Hanes.*



December 29, 2020 at 04:49 PM



“ *The Shaffer Family purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Mr. Fred Thomas Hanes.*



**The Shaffer Family** - December 29, 2020 at 03:38 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Mr. Fred Thomas Hanes.*



December 29, 2020 at 10:58 AM

GJ

“The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord turn his face toward you and give you peace.” Numbers 6:24-26 The Hanes family is in our hearts and prayers.

*In His Love,  
Gloria and Bob James*

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**Gloria James** - December 28, 2020 at 07:57 PM



“Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Mr. Fred Thomas Hanes.



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December 28, 2020 at 06:35 PM

BW

“I remember, as a child, visiting Stone Mountain and Uncle Freddie taking us to the Atlanta airport. I had never seen such a huge place in my life.

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**Brenda G Waters** - December 28, 2020 at 04:24 PM

JH

“I knew Fred from my days with AT & T. I had the pleasure of joining the ROMEO group and can remember our breakfast just before Fred moved to Florida.. He was a great individual and a pleasure to be around.

*Joe Holloway*

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**Joe Holloway** - December 28, 2020 at 03:49 PM

GS

“ *Mr. Fred was a very positive influence as my Sunday School teacher during my growing up years. I have a great amount of respect for him. He will be greatly missed but we all can rest assured he is with our Heavenly Father now. My deepest condolences to the Hanes family in this time of sorrow.*

*Greg Sheppard*

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**Greg Sheppard** - December 28, 2020 at 02:52 PM