



## Obituary

**Born:** Wednesday, October 2, 1935

**Died:** Tuesday, January 22, 2019

Billy John (BJ) South, 83, of Niceville, Florida, passed away at 9:10pm – Tuesday, January 22, 2019 at St Anthony's Hospital in Effingham, Illinois. BJ was born October 2, 1935, in Shawneetown, Illinois, the son of Elmer E. and Ruth (Vickery) South Sr. He is a 20+ year retired Air Force veteran and served 2 years in Vietnam. He is the recipient of the Distinguished Flying Cross and Order of The Wounded Herky. He loved his family, his country, the staff at the Villas of Holly Brook, and his pinochle and bingo group. BJ was also a faithful and active member of AmVets of Valparaiso, Florida, and the American Legion post 221 of Niceville, Florida. BJ was preceded in death by his loving wife, Faith M. (Lange) South, and his parents Elmer E. and Ruth (Vickery) South Sr., and brother Elmer (Bud) E. South, Jr. He is survived by his 4 children, Mr. and Mrs. David & Tammy (South) Michl, Mr. and Mrs. Robert & Doris South, Mr. William South and Ms. Janet Menke, Mr. and Mrs. Robert (Rob) & Rachel (South) Barnett. Grandchildren: Joshua (Rosa) Clasby, Raymond (Cheryl) Michl, Jeremy (Jill) Michl, Laura (Chris) Weldon, Jessica Collins, Dave Michl Jr, Jennifer South, Jason South, Tammie Ware, Roger Ware, James South, Evan (Laura) Lederman, Dylan (Anisia) Stephenson, James Barnett, and Bailey Barnett; 22 great-grandchildren, 8 nieces and nephews and numerous friends. There will be a time of visitation held on Friday, February 1, 2019 from 1-2pm, at Heritage Gardens Funeral Home and Cemetery in Niceville, Florida, with Funeral services beginning at 2pm. He will be laid to rest next to his loving wife, Faith M. (Lange) South of 53 years. His wife Faith M. South passed away on January 22, 2009, exactly 10 years prior to BJ's date of death.

## Service Summary

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### Visitation

1:00 PM to 2:00 PM, Fri Feb 01, 2019

### Heritage Gardens Funeral Home and Cemetery

2201 Partin Drive North  
Niceville, FL 32578

### Funeral Service

2:00 PM Fri Feb 01, 2019

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