



Fuad Salem Batteh

February 23, 1931- May 16, 2012

Fuad was born in Jerusalem, Palestine on February 23, 1931. He was the eldest of five children to Salem and Jalelah Batteh.

He came to the United States in 1948 and made Jacksonville, Florida his home for the remainder of his life. He proudly served in the United States Army for two years where he received an honorable discharge. Fuad had various successful businesses during his lifetime and always enjoyed the company of others.

Fuad was one of the founding fathers and a charter member of the Ramallah-American Club of Jacksonville, a member of the Oceanway Masonic Lodge, a Scottish Rite, and a member of St. George Antiochian Orthodox Church.

Fuad was the backbone of our family who relied on his sound judgment, incredible wisdom, moral strength, and instilled family values. He was a pillar in the community and the driving force in our family. Fuad had the respect and admiration of all who knew him. He was a caring and considerate person who assured the comfort of others before his own. He will remain on our hearts forever.

Fuad was preceded in death by his parents, Salem and Jalelah and his brother Munir (Besima). He is survived by his wife of 57 years, the former Mary Jameel Bateh, sons Richard (Darlene), Sammy (Ghada), daughter Brenda Brown (Kevin), brother Kamel (Maha), sisters Grace Farhat, (late Jamal) Klare Bateh(Hanna), seven grandchildren, Jamilah Brown McCann (Jeremy), Houston Brown, Brock, Sierra, Mikayla, Samantha, and Fuad Batteh and numerous nieces and nephews.

The Batteh family wishes to express sincere thanks and deepest appreciation for all expressions of sympathy that were received from far and wide.