



## John MacKintosh Albritton

January 15, 1937 - August 19, 2016

John M Albritton was a lifetime resident who was born at the Sarasota Memorial Hospital on January 15, 1937.

He is predeceased by his parents, Karl Benjamin and Edith MacKintosh Albritton, brother Robert C Albritton, son Donald S Albritton and daughter Jolan M Albritton.

He is survived by his wife of 60 years, Gwen M Albritton, sister Gloria Albritton, daughter Laura Jane and son Johnny B (LeeAnn). Eight grandchildren: John Karl (Sarah), Jarrad, Gavin, Chancey, Brant, Gage and Mallory. Three great grandchildren: John Larit, Shelby and Layton.

A graduate of the Sarasota High School Class of 1955, John was already a part of the family business, The Albritton Fruit Company. Established in 1880, it is the oldest continually operating Florida family owned business. As president of the company he was able to support various community youth organizations including the FFA and the 4-H. He was a life long member of the Bee Ridge Presbyterian Church serving as an elder for approximately 50 years. He was a member of the Sarasota County Agricultural Fair Association, the Cattleman's Association, the Florida Gift Fruit Shippers Association, the Model A Restorer's Club and a past member of the Sarasota County Planning Association.

As an avid antique collector, John had a fondness for Ford tractors, old cars, trucks, toys and John Wayne memorabilia. He enjoyed square dancing, touring the country with the Model A Club and more recently sitting back and watching the many activities of his family. He loved living vicariously through his grandchildren and seeing his great grandchildren progress. He always had a sly smile and a knowing grin on his face while watching any and all of his grandchildren in the animal show arena at the county fair.

John was always a faithful servant and loyal follower of his Savior, Jesus Christ. He was a loving and devoted husband, brother, father, grandfather, great grandfather and uncle.

Funeral Services will be held Saturday, August 27, 2016 at the Suncoast Community Church located at 8084 Hawkins Rd 34241. Viewing at 12:00 p.m. and service at 1:00 p.m. Celebration reception immediately following on the Albritton property. Toale Brothers Funeral Home is in charge.

John loved flowers but he also loved aiding our community. Memorial donations may be made to the "John M Albritton Memorial Fund" in care of Albritton Fruit Company-5430 Proctor Rd, Sarasota, FL 34233 to benefit the Salvation Army and/or the 4-H and the FFA youth members.

# Tribute Wall

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“Gwen, We were on vacation when John passed away and we are very sorry to hear about it. We hope that you are okay and our hearts are with you during this tough time. We look forward to seeing you in class at the Friendship Center soon. Love, Lois and Kevin Lindahl

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**Kevin and Lois Lindahl** - September 04, 2016 at 12:00 AM

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“What we have once enjoyed, we can never lose. All that we love deeply becomes part of us.” -Helen Keller May God give you great memories to remind us of the love of our family. I am so sorry to hear of Johns passing. Please know that we will be praying for you and your family, in this difficult time.

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**Eddie and Kathy Kasper and family** - August 22, 2016 at 12:00 AM