



## Irving Emerson

June 25, 1917 - April 29, 2018

Irving (Irv) Goodwin Emerson, 100, of Inverness, FL, died on Sunday, April 29, after a brief hospitalization. Before retiring to Florida in 1980, Irv was a long-time resident of Kensington, CT, where he grew up, raised his family and had a career as a master machinist. He joined the Army Air Corps in 1943 and served with distinction in WWII as a B-17 First Pilot with the 15th Air Force. He earned the Silver Star, the Distinguished Flying Cross for valor and the Air Medal with two oak leaf clusters in the European Theater. He was predeceased by his wife of 66 years, Ruth, in 2009, and by a sister, Louise Howe. He is survived by two sisters, Jean Quandt of Libertyville, IL and Elisabeth Dettinger of Duarte, CA, a son, Mark Emerson of Norfolk, MA, a daughter, Carol Torri of Inverness, FL, two grandchildren, Kevin Emerson of Seattle, WA and Bryan Emerson of North Yarmouth, ME and four great grandchildren. Irv was an active member of the First Church of God in Inverness. In June of 2017, the Church honored him with a lavish 100th birthday party, at which he received recognition from the church as well as from the American Legion. He was also a regular patron of the Highlands Family Restaurant in Inverness, where he had many friends and acquaintances and which also held a big 100th birthday party for him. After living independently in his home until September 2017, Irv has resided at the New Horizons Assisted Living Facility in Inverness. Irv received a lot of help from many members of the community in his later years, for which the family is grateful. His former neighbors, Cindy and Mark Sylvia were particularly

committed to providing support and companionship in recent years. Funeral arrangements are by Roberts Bruce West Funeral Home in Ocala. There will be no calling hours, and Irv will be remembered and receive military honors in a private ceremony. He will be inurned at the Florida National Cemetery in Bushnell, FL.