



John Neal Looney

March 14, 1933 - April 10, 2012

John Neal Looney, 79, passed away Tuesday, April 10, 2012, at Decatur General Hospital after a brief illness. He was born at his paternal grandmother's home on Patillo Street in Hartselle on March 14, 1933. Though she died when he was only three, he remembered her and often spoke of her and her love for him. He was her first grandchild and the only one she lived to know. John Neal was preceded in death by his parents, John Anderson and Beatrice Johnson Looney; his younger brother, Doyle Anderson Looney (Dotty); and his wife of 42 years, Betty Orr Looney. He retired from ITT Corporation in 1996 and had lived in Houghton Lake, Mich., before returning to Alabama to live with his sister, Sarah, in 2006. He is survived by his only sister, Sarah Looney Gupton, Decatur; four brothers, Donald J. Looney (Lana), Tampa, Fla., Vernon W. Looney (Brenda), Au Gres, Mich., Robert ""Bobby"" W. Looney (Nancy), Hartselle and Forrest E. Looney, Eva, as well as many nieces, nephews, and grandnieces and grandnephews. John Neal was a lifelong fisherman and hunter until his health prevented him from enjoying these pursuits. He also loved the Detroit Pistons' basketball, and Detroit Tigers' baseball, which he watched on TV. No funeral will be held. In lieu of flowers, memorials should be made to Disabled Veterans.