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MEYER, JACK LEE., 86, was born in Florida, youngest of seven children, whose parents, Floy and James Meyer, settled in Miami in 1912. **He graduated from Miami Senior High School in 1943**. Under an Army Engineering program, he attended North Carolina State. **He received his commission at Ft. Benning, Ga. serving in the US Army Infantry Corp as a 2nd Lt. in World War II in the pacific.** He then graduated from the University of Florida with a civil engineering degree, where he was a member of Phi Delta Theta fraternity. **He was recalled in the Korean War and served as a 1st Lt. in the Engineer Corp. on Okinawa**.

Jack was part of the Greatest Generation. In 1962, as a partner in a consulting engineering firm in Miami, he engineered the unique structural design for the Miami Marine Stadium where all of the calculations and decisions made to engineer this complex structure were "on the money". There were no computers then. The National Trust for Historic Preservation has put the Marine Stadium on their 11 most endangered list. He joined Burger King Corporation in Miami and became the Director for the Engineering- Architect Department. At Plymouth Congregational Church in Coconut Grove, he served on the Board of Trustees. He was a member and commodore of the Biscayne Bay Yacht Club in Miami. He enjoyed racing and sailing on Biscayne Bay and in the Bahamas, and he enjoyed fly-fishing in North Carolina where he and his wife had a summer home. He was an avid reader of especially history and war. Becoming a pilot was one of the joys of his life, having built modoel airplanes and winning state contests in his young life. Jack is survived by his wife Nina of 63 years, his daugther Gwenn Oldham, (Richard), his son Steve (Jeanette), grandchildren Darby Arch (Mike), Chip Oldham (Ginny), Scott Meyer (Amy), Shannon Ludlam (Matt) Susanna Bumpus (Brian), great-grandchildren, James, Tyler, Sophie, Oliver, Lily. It was a mutual love affair with his family and total respect from his friends and co-workers. Jack was a man of strict integrity. A memorial service will be held Thursday, October 18, at 3 o'clock at Plymouth Congregational Church in Coconut Grove, followed by a reception at the Biscavne Bay Yacht Club. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations to the college of Engineering, 300 Weil Hall, P.O. Box 11650, Gainesville, FL 32611.

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