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Vincent Glatter, farmer known as 'Okra man,' dies

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MALABAR -- Vincent R. Glatter, 86, a retired farmer, died Friday, March 3, at home.

Mr. Glatter was born in Borden Springs, Ala. He came to Brevard County in 1916 from Tennessee. He has lived in the same house for the past 83 years.

Mr. Glatter had 40 acres of land on Malabar Road where he raised okra, black eyed peas, corn, tomatoes and other vegetables. He would sell his produce in south Melbourne, and the people who bought his vegetables would call him the 'okra man'.

Glatter Road in Malabar was named after his father, Richard Glatter, because he constructed the road himself.

"He hated not being able to grow vegetables and do all the things he used to do, due to his illness" said his wife of 60 years, Frances Glatter of Malabar.

"We are just about the last of the old-timers in this area," she said.

He was a member of the Seventh Day Adventist Church in Melbourne.

Other survivors include his son, Roderick Glatter of Malabar; daughter, Elaine Brodsky of Malabar; sister, Ethylwyn Boskind of Melbourne; and three grandchildren.

Calling hours will be from 2 to 4 p.m. Sunday, and from 2 to 3 p.m. Monday, at Fountainhead Memorial Funeral Home in Palm Bay. Services will be at 3 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

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