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ROGER BENEDICT FLINT



Roger Benedict Flint, 86, of Pinecrest, formerly of Charlottesville, Virginia, peacefully was received into Heaven while surrounded by his loving family, a daughter, Pat Young-Mallison; grandchildren, Scott and his wife, Joey, Day and Will; great-grandchildren; Grace and Tanner, his loving caregiver Resa, and his friend and Dr. W. Lee Young, III at Frye Regional Medical Center on May 19, 2007.

Roger, fondly called the "Chief", was born May 26, 1920 in Allegheny County, Pennsylvania, to the late Dr. George M. Flint and Hazel Fox Flint.

He was a dedicated member of First Presbyterian Church of Charlottesville, Virginia for over 40 years where he served as an Elder, Senior High Instructor and many other capacities. He was currently a member of First Presbyterian Church of Hickory. Mr. Flint was a veteran of the United States Army during World War II and was awarded the Bronze Star.

Roger graduated from Allegheny College, Pennsylvania. He began his long career in the soft drink business in 1950 with Dr. Pepper in Roanoke, Virginia. "The Chief's" final retirement was in 2000 from Pepsi-Cola Bottling Company of Central Virginia with 38 years of service.

He is survived by two daughters, Pat Young-Mallison and husband Joe of Hickory, North Carolina, Sandra "Tooter" Flint of Lafayette, Indiana; one son, Dick Flint and his wife, Vicki, of Roswell, Georgia; nine grandchildren, Day Young, Will Young, and Scott Morningstar and his wife, Joey, all of Hickory, Tara Pusey of New Hampshire, Brandon Pusey of Indiana, Nicholas, Chris, Sean, and Jackson Flint of Virginia; one stepgranddaughter, Beth O'Brien and her husband, Brice; four great-grandchildren, Tanner and Grace Morningstar, John, Brice and Jack O'Brien.

"The Chief" was a good and generous man who had many amazing accomplishments, too many to list. Governor George Allen recognized May 26, 1997 as Roger B. Flint Day in recognition of his life and the many contributions he had made to the Commonwealth of Virginia. He was "The founding father of recycling in Charlottesville", "a key organizer of the Charlottesville-Albemarle Clean Community Commission", "The Brains behind the original Jefferson Country Clean-Up Day", served on the Litter Control and Recycling Fund Advisory Board, and President of Charlottesville Tennis Program, honored by renaming the "Pepsi Mobile Tennis" the "Roger Flint Mobile Junior Tennis" (provides free tennis instruction to youth). He founded the Junior Excellence Tennis Program and Get Acquainted Tennis Club and was named "Mr. Tennis" by "Tennis Magazine" and by "Tennis Buyer's Guide." He was the chairman for seven years of the Boy Scouts of America and awarded the Silver Beaver.

The family wishes to express our appreciation for the care and compassion shown to our father by the wonderful staff on the third floor of Frye Regional Medical Center. Roger was also blessed with loving caregivers, Resa, Heather, Kristen, and Kim for whom the family will be eternally grateful. The family also wishes to thank Dr. W. Lee Young III, for his kind and compassionate care and his 34 year friendship.

The family will receive friends from 7 until 8:30 p.m. Saturday, May 26, 2007, at Pinecrest (Activity Room) in Hickory.

A memorial service will be held 11 a.m. Tuesday, May 29, 2007 at First Presbyterian Church in Charlottesville, Virginia. The family will receive friends following the service.

Bass-Smith Funeral Home and Crematory is serving the family of Roger Benedict Flint.

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