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Daye Exum Wilkins
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SWANSBORO-Daye Exum Wilkins, 83, passed into eternal life with the Lord on April 21, 2012 at his home in Swansboro.
He was born August 10, 1928 in Wilmington, NC, the son of the late Eula Mae Brown and Daye Exum Wilkins, Sr.
He was a graduate of New Hanover High School and joined the Navy at the age of seventeen serving on the aircraft carrier Leyte in World War II. When the war ended he attended Guilford College in Greensboro, NC and later spent seventeen years with the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad in the signals department. A second career in the hospitality industry followed and managing the Boar's Head Inn in Charlottesville, VA was one of his proudest accomplishments.
Daye is survived by his wife of 26 years, Louise Sylvester Wilkins; his son, Daye Exum Wilkins, III of Grand Junction, Colorado; stepsons, Paul Whitfield Sylvester of Wilmington, Louis Sylvester of Nashville, TN and Fred Sylvester and his partner Pat O'Brian of Bethesda, MD; stepdaughter, Liz Osborne and her husband Brad Osborne of Chesapeake Beach, MD; brother,Joseph "Joe" Wilkins; seven grandchildren, Laura Osborne, Sarah Osborne, John Osborne, Paul Sylvester, Nicole Sylvester, Tony Nesbitt and Dorothy Elizabeth Wilkins.
He was preceded in death by his daughter, Dayeann Nesbitt.
Daye spent many happy years in his retirement home in Swansboro. His love for boating, fishing, gardening, and cooking was shared with all the family. He was a faithful member of Swansboro United Methodist Church for many years. His favorite activities were ushering and greeting people, visiting shut-ins and sharing his delicious food with others. He will be missed by all.
A memorial service will be held on Tuesday, May 1, 2012 at 1:00 P.M. at Swansboro United Methodist Church. The family will receive friends in the fellowship hall following the service.
In lieu of flowers, memorials contributions may be made to Swansboro United Methodist Church Music or Missions Fund, 665 West Corbett Ave. Swansboro, NC 28584.