



James Claxton,

June 8, 1923 - April 8, 2012

James Joy Claxton, Sr., age 88 of Carneys Point, NJ passed away on April 8th at the Friends Village at Woodstown. He was born in West Virginia, son of the late Albert and Marie (nee Joy) Claxton on June 8, 1923, and was raised in Deepwater, NJ and married and settled as a long term resident of Carneys Point.

He graduated from Salem High School and served in the US Navy in the Pacific between 1941 and 1945 during World War II. When he entered the Navy he was sent to school at the Wentworth Institute, Boston to study boiler engineering and operation for his assigned job on his ship, the USS Sumpter. He was a long term member of Union Presbyterian Church in Carneys Point. He retired in 1983 from Atlantic City electric where he earned his Gold Seal Boiler Operating License and became a supervisor at the Gibbstown facility. He served as a Mason for over fifty years as a member of the Woodstown Masonic Lodge #138, Royal Arch Mason in Joppa Chapter #53, and a 32nd Degree Mason in the Consistory. He was also a member of the Sacred Octagon as an owner of a classic MG-TD. He was an avid golfer and bridge player. He enjoyed going to the Casinos.

Mr. Claxton is survived by his two sons James (Leslie) of Pennsville, Timothy of Woodbury, his sister Jean Coombs (Robert) of Florida and four grandchildren, Dayna Morris (Charles), Orange Girtz (Eial), Grey Petrucelli (Jessica), Rebecca Claxton and three great grandchildren.

He was predeceased by his wife Anna (nee Rostaing) in 2009, which he had

been married to for over 60 years, his mother and father and siblings Jack Claxton (Cassie), June Fricker (Frank), and Joann Rumburg (Lacy).

Services are private and interment will be at the Salem County Veterans Cemetery.

Donations can be made to the Union Presbyterian Church, 254 Shell Rd., Carneys Point, NJ 08069.

Arrangements are under the care of Ashcraft Funeral Homes. www.ashcraftfuneralhomes.com