



## Arthur Hicks Woody

August 1, 2007

Arthur Hicks Woody, 89, went to be with his Lord Aug. 1, 2007, after a long illness. Born in Durham, N.C., he was the son of Arthur Hazel and Esther Shepherd Woody. He retired from the Seaboard Railroad after 44 years of service as an engineer. Arthur was active at Western Branch Baptist Church for more than 40 years where he taught Sunday school, sang in the choir and served as deacon. More recently, he was a member of Pinecrest Baptist Church where he was a member of the Poppa Askew Sunday school class and was named deacon emeritus. He was a member of Portsmouth Masonic Lodge 100 and Portsmouth Scottish Rite Bodies. He is survived by his loving wife of 44 years, Marilyn Ewell Woody; two daughters, Kimberly Swaney of Virginia Beach, Kathy Joyce and her husband Jeffrey of Kannapolis, N.C.; and a son, Richard Hicks Woody and wife Linda of Corapeake, N.C. He is also survived by a sister, Kathleen and husband William C. Nash of Raleigh, N.C. and six grandchildren whom he dearly loved. He was predeceased by two brothers, Joseph and Mark Woody. Arthur will best be remembered for his love and devotion to his family and church. He was a man of integrity who modeled faithfulness, kindness and love to all who knew him. A funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday in Pinecrest Baptist Church by the Rev. Tom Potter. Burial will be in Olive Branch Cemetery where Masonic rites will be accorded. Visitation will be held today from 7 to 8 p.m. in Loving Funeral Home. In lieu of flowers, memorial gifts may be sent to the Crohn's and Colitis Foundation of America, 386 Park Ave. South, New York, NY 10016-8804.