



## John Middleton Lancaster

March 17, 2009

John Middleton "Jack" Lancaster, 86, died in his home March 17, 2009. Born Aug. 22, 1922, in Norfolk County, he was the youngest son of professor Arthur James Lancaster and Bessie Martin Payne. He was predeceased by his wife of 68 years, Marion "Mack" Jackson Lancaster. Jack grew up in Westhaven area of then Norfolk County and attended Woodrow Wilson High School. He served in the Navy during World War II. His work as a federal civilian employee, starting at Nansmond Ordnance Depot, led to extensive traveling around the world and many moves for him and his family. Back in Portsmouth after retirement, one of his joys was working in his ever expanding rose garden. He and Mack returned to their home church, Monumental United Methodist Church where both were active members. He was a member of Merrimac Kiwanis Club and served on the board of Holiday House of Portsmouth. Survivors include four children, Bess Beard of Richmond, Joy Sanderson of Alpine, Calif., Mary Rogers of Oceanside, Calif., and John Lancaster and his wife Debbie of Suffolk; nine grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; and sister-in-law, Millie Lancaster. He was predeceased by his brother, Arthur "Junie" Lancaster and granddaughter, Dinah Beard. A funeral will be held Friday at 11 a.m. in Monumental United Methodist Church with the Rev. Robert Friend officiating with burial to follow in Evergreen Memorial Park. The family will receive friends in Loving Funeral Home, Churchland Chapel, today from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Memorial donations may be made to the Endowment Fund of Monumental United Methodist Church, 450 Dinwiddie St.,

Portsmouth, VA 23704.

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“ We are so sorry to hear of Jack's passing. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

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