

James Wendell Brookshire, 82, of Annandale, Va., Maui, Hawaii, Nags Head, N.C., and formerly of Franklin, passed away on Monday, March 24, 2008 at INOVA Alexandria Hospital.

Visitation will be held at 10 a.m., Saturday, April 5, at Franklin United Methodist Church in Franklin, with funeral services following at 11 a.m.

Burial will be at Woodlawn Cemetery with military honors.

He is survived by his wife, Joan Potts Brookshire; daughters, Sandra Brookshire and husband Anthony Pagan of Nags Head and Alisa Brookshire and husband Leo Snead of Richmond, Va.; grandchildren, Morgan Myshin of South Lake Tahoe, Calif., Logan Snead and Makenzie Snead of Richmond. He is also survived by his youngest brother, Dennis Brookshire; three sisters, Virginia Smith, Barbara Kelley and Ivy Underhill; and 15 nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his brothers, Clinton, Hoyt, and Harold Brookshire, and by his sister Lucille Ramey.

Mr. Brookshire, like many patriotic young men during WWII, left Franklin High School to join the U.S. Navy. He was chosen to be part of a very elite group who plied the waters of the Pacific on the USS Spearfish (SS-190). Although he never talked about it, he even found time while in the U.S Navy to become a Golden Gloves boxer of the submarine fleet.

Upon his return from the military, he graduated from Western Carolina University. He taught school in Fairfax County public schools for several years before becoming a builder of fine homes in Northern Virginia. He, his wife, children and grandchildren, spent many hours together at the beaches in Nags Head and Maui, Hawaii. They traveled extensively throughout the world.

Bryant-Grant Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.

An online obituary is available by visiting [www.bryantgrantfuneralhome.com](http://www.bryantgrantfuneralhome.com).

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