

Frederick Willert Chesna, 71, passed away peacefully after a brief and sudden illness at his home in Otto, on Wednesday, March 14.

He is preceded in death by his mother, Lucille Willert Chesna, and his father, Gustave Joseph Chesna.

He is survived by his wife, Betty Ann Chesna, to whom he was married for 49 years; his brother, Paul Timothy Chesna of Birmingham, Mich.; his sister, Nancy Sherman of Williamsburg, Va.; his children, Karen C. Adams of Callaway, Virginia and Gregory James Chesna of Lawrenceville, Ga.; and two lovely grandchildren.

Born and raised in Birmingham, Mich., he was a 1953 graduate of Wylie E. Groves High School and attended the University of Michigan and Detroit Institute of Technology. He served in the United States Air Force Reserve from 1957 until 1964. He retired in 1997 from his position as senior administrator/design for manufacturing, North American operations after 46 years of service to General Motors.

He and his family were very active members of Christ Church Cranbrook in Bloomfield Hills, Mich. After his retirement to North Carolina, he and his wife enjoyed singing in the choir at the Church of the Incarnation in Highlands.

Services were held Saturday, March 17, at 2 p.m., at the Episcopal Church of the Incarnation in Highlands, with Father Brian Sullivan officiating.

In lieu of flowers, the family would prefer gifts be made to the American Cancer Society.

Bryant Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Online condolences can be made by visiting www.MeM.com or www.bryantfuneralhomes.com.

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