

James Ely 'Bud' Cornwell

James Ely "Bud" Cornwell, of Fripp Island, S.C., formerly of Charlotte, N.C., died Feb. 19, 2003.

Born July 15, 1924, in Chester, S.C., to John and Virginia Cornwell, he was preceded in death by his brother, John Bennette Cornwell of Greenville, S.C., as well as his wife, Jeanne Simpson of Florence, S.C., in 1981.

He attended Clemson University and served active duty in the U.S. Army during World War II. He flew B-29s in the Chinese/Indian and Pacific theaters and served in the Army Reserves for 20 years. He married Jeanne Simpson in 1949 and they had two children, Jim and Sinclair. He married Barbara Anderson in 1990 and has resided at Fripp Island. His career with Exxon spanned 30 years before his retirement in 1984. Mr. Cornwell was awarded the Distinguished Salesman of the Year Award several years for outstanding salesmanship. His work with Exxon took him to Florence and Columbia, S.C., and to Hickory, Greensboro and Charlotte, N.C. He was an active member of the Episcopal Church and a member of the Kiwanis Club.

He is survived by a son, Judge Jim Cornwell and wife, Dana, of Clarksville; a daughter, Sinclair Little and husband, Jack, of Charlotte, N.C.; grandchildren, Kate and Ely Cornwell and Ely Simpson and Jack Bennette Little; nieces and nephews, Bennette Cornwell of Greenville, Mike Cornwell of Greensboro, and Pam Bartenfield of Sullivan's Island, S.C.

A memorial service was held on Feb. 21, 2003, at Mount Hope Cemetery in Florence, S.C.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the American Cancer Society at 500 E. Morehead St., Charlotte, N.C., 28202 or the American Heart Association at 1229 Greenwood Cliff, Charlotte, N.C., 28204.

Anderson Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements. This announcement courtesy of Beck Funeral Home.

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