

Robert Earl Dunn, 85, of Savannah, Ga., formerly of Franklin, passed away peacefully on Saturday, July 26, 2008, at Hospice Savannah.

He was preceded in death by his loving wife of 57 years, Mary Etta Mills Dunn.

Robert was born and raised in Swain County. He joined the U.S. Air Force and was a surgical technician during WWII. Following the war, he went to work for Roller Bearing Co. of America in Ewing, N.J., where he served as heat treat department manager for 14 years. Robert then went to work for the State of New Jersey at the Training School for Boys in Skillman, N.J., as a juvenile officer for 17 years, and was voted outstanding employee of the year twice. He attended Temple University.

He was a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and the Elks Lodge in New Jersey. He was a member of St. Like's Episcopal Church in Ewing and St. Agnes Episcopal Church in Franklin, where he served as a Vestry member and was an usher. He also attended St. Thomas Episcopal Church in Isle of Hope, Ga.

Robert loved to sing, dance and play cards.

He is survived by a son and daughter-in-law, Robert Alan and Donna Dunn of Savannah; two granddaughters, Courtney Dunn Odermatt and husband Kenneth and Kendra Brooke Dunn, all of Savannah; one nephew, Gary Sutton of Franklin; and two nieces, Barbara Tallent and Sandra Hopkins, both of Franklin.

Memorial services will be held at 11 a.m., Wednesday, July 30, at St. Agnes Episcopal Church.

Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice Savannah or St. Agnes Episcopal Church.

Fairhaven Funeral Home, Garden City, Ga., is in charge of the arrangements.

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