

William J. 'Bill' Finch

A Navy veteran of WWII and community leader

William J. "Bill" Finch, 84, died Wednesday, April 30, 2003, in Cheraw, S.C. Born in Rome, N.Y., he was the son of the late Harvey and Alice Husted Finch. He is survived by his wife, Sylvia A. Hinson Finch.



He was a U.S. Navy veteran of WWII and the Korean Conflict. He was a recipient of the Bronze Star, China War Memorial Medal and the Army Distinguished Unit Badge. He was a member of the Cheraw Rotary Club, Kiwanis, Cheraw Planning and Zoning Board and a volunteer at Cheraw Intermediate School.

Before moving to Cheraw, he received the Macon County Community Development 1989 Leadership Award. He was a member of the Macon County Civil Air Patrol. He enjoyed building ship models, woodworking (furniture, toys, repairs), history, sailing and flying.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by two sons, William F. Finch of Longwood, Fla., and Robert Wolff of Rome, N.Y.; five daughters, Lois Biederman of Windermere, Fla., Pam Davidson of El Paso, Texas, Kimberly Manuikian of Orlando, Fla., Kimberly Wilson of Glencoe, Minn., and Shannon Stark of Fairbanks, Alaska; a brother, Harvey Finch of Sheridan, Wyo.; two sisters, Elizabeth Oakman of Winter Springs, Fla., and Margaret Finch of Auburn, Ga.; nine grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

A memorial service was held on May 3 at the Cheraw Family Worship Center.

Memorial donations may be made to The American Heart Association, 7272 Greenville Avenue, Dallas, TX 75231-4596.

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