

Mr. Flinn

Edward James Flinn, 79, of Franklin, died Sunday, Aug. 2, in an Asheville hospital.

A native of Homestead, Pa., he was the son of the late Patrick John Flinn and Margaret Edna Sweeney Flinn. He served in the Air Force, where he received the Distinguished Flying Cross, Air Medal with Four Oak Leaf Clusters, and European Theater of Operations Ribbon. He was a lifetime member of the Eighth Air Force Historical Society. He was preceded in death by his wife, Betty Arlene Flinn.

He is survived by two sons, Walter Harlan Flinn of Heidelberg, Germany and Patrick Kevin Flinn of Franklin, and two granddaughters.

A memorial service will be held Friday, Aug. 7, 6 p.m. at Cowee Baptist Church, with Rev. Curtis Long officiating. Burial will be in Arlington National Cemetery, Monday, Aug. 17, 9:30 a.m.