

Ralph Samuel Heimrich, 77, of Clayton, died Sunday, Sept. 23, at his residence.

He was born in Tiffin, Ohio, to the late Franklin Ralph Heimrich and Joyce Ogdon Tysinger Heimrich. He lived half of his life in Ohio before moving to Lakeland, Fla.

Survivors include: his wife of 58 years, Lucille Tanner Heimrich; four sons, Buddy Lee Heimrich of Ormond Beach, Fla., John Franklin Heimrich and Larry B. Heimrich, both of Lakeland, Fla., and Garry C. Heimrich of Anchorage, Alaska; three brothers, Harry Joe Heimrich of Beaufort, N.C., and Charles Heimrich and Terry Heimrich, both of Tiffin, Ohio; and five sisters, Rosalie Heimrich Adams, Marta Joyce Dull and Maxine Young, all of Tiffin, Ohio, Mary Imogene Dircks of Milan, Ohio, and Lititia Craft of Bloomville, Ohio. He raised a grandson, Buddy Lee Heimrich Jr. of Athens, and is also survived by six grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Heimrich was a veteran of the U.S. Navy, having served in the Philippines during the Korean War for 2 1/2 years. He was of the Baptist faith. He retired from teaching at Ridge Vocational Tech in Haines City, Fla., in 1993. He then moved to Clayton.

His body was cremated at his request.

The family will receive friends at Beck Funeral Home, 898 Highway 441 South, from 7-9 p.m. Friday. Donations in Heimrich's memory may be made to Regency Hospice, P.O. Box 249, Hiawassee, GA 30546.

Beck Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements. An online registry is available at www.beckfuneralhome.com.

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