

## Davis O. Heniford Jr.

Davis O. Heniford Jr., 77, died Saturday, Aug. 28, 2004, in Whittier following an accident. Born Nov. 14, 1926 in Richmond, Va., he was the son of the late Davis O. Heniford Sr. and the late Catherine Hammack Heniford. He was the husband of Althea Heniford for 44 years. He was a banker, a real estate developer and an entrepreneur.



Mr. Heniford was a 1943 graduate of Loris High School, attended Duke University, and received a bachelor of science degree from Clemson University in 1950. He served with distinction in the United States Navy from 1944 to 1946. During the 1950s he owned and developed the LP Gas Corporation and in 1961 he started a real estate company now known as East Coast Realty Corporation. In 1979, he purchased the Bank of Bethune and in later years formed Sandhills Bank, which he owned until his death.

For his dedicated service to his community and state, on April 30, 2004, he received the Order of the Palmetto, the highest civilian award given by the State of South Carolina. The General Assembly also resolved that the interchange at U.S. Highway 701 and S.C. Highway 9 Bypass be named the Davis Heniford Jr. Interchange.

Survivors include four sons, William D. Williamson and wife Ann of Sunset Beach, Mark Eric Heniford and wife Mary Margaret of North Myrtle Beach, S.C., Drake Davis Heniford and wife Cindy of Little River, S.C., and B. Todd Heniford and wife Briana Wright of Charlotte; three daughters, Julie Williamson Lowry and husband Brownlee of Spartanburg, S.C., Darra Williamson Cothran and husband Robert Gahagan of Columbia, S.C., and Holly Kaufmann and husband Scott of Little River, S.C., and many grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Memorial services were held Wednesday at Loris First Baptist Church with burial services at Princeville Cemetery. Officiating was Rev. Carl Harris and Rev. Drew Jackson.

In lieu of flowers, memorial gifts may be made to the Davis and Althea Heniford Scholarship Fund, c/o Mrs. Pete Cagle, at Sandhills Bank, 1020 Highway 17 North, North Myrtle Beach, SC 29582.