

William Neil MacNeill

William Neil MacNeill, born in 1918, of Franklin, passed away Monday, May 5, 2008.

Born in Lynn, Mass., he was the son of the late Neil MacNeill and Agnes English MacNeill.

Bill was a retired heating and air conditioning engineer. He served in the U.S. Air Force and U.S. Army Air Corps during WWII and the Korean Conflict. Bill was former Mayor of Gulfport, Fla., and president of Suncoast League of Cities.

In 1976, he moved from Gulfport to Franklin, where he was a 50-year member of the local lodge and 32nd degree Mason and also a member of the Lions Club for 50 years. Bill was a charter member of the Otto Community Development Board and Macon County Planning Board.

He was a tutor at Macon County schools; former president of Angel Medical Center Auxiliary and lifetime member. He spent two years on the hospital board and volunteered at the hospital for more than 20 years. Bill spent nine years on the nominating committee of Presbytery of Western North Carolina and was a member of Morrison Presbyterian Church.

He is survived by his wife of 66 years, Barbara Beckhard MacNeill; one daughter, Judith Anne Langford and husband Joseph of Franklin; six sisters; two brothers; one grand-daughter, Paige Krusoe of Raleigh; and three great-grandchildren, Abigail, Mitchell and Isabella.

A private memorial service will be held, with Dr. Wendell Ligon officiating.

Memorial donations may be made to the Hospice House Foundation, P.O. Box 815, Franklin, NC 28744 or to the Macon County Humane Society.

Online condolences are available by visiting www.maconfuneralhome.com.



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