

E.M. "Mike" Michalski, 81, of Clayton, died Friday, April 18, 2008, at Mountain Likes Medical Center after a lengthy illness.

He was born Sept. 29, 1926, in West Orange, N.J., to Joseph and Katherine Michalski. He was an outstanding athlete in football and track and field. He was a member of the New York City Athletic Club and set many records. He also was a scholastic star. He was a longtime resident and businessman in Chattanooga, Tenn. He graduated from the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy and served aboard a tanker during World War II. His service took him from Japan to the Philippines, Iran, Australia, Panama and Hawaii. He was inducted into the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy's sports hall of fame in 1992. He was an avid golfer.

He was preceded in death by: his first wife, Carol Swafford Michalski; a second wife, J.J. Stegall Michalski; and two brothers, Stanley and Walter Michalski.

Survivors include: a niece, Maureen Michalski Salayko of New Jersey; special friends, Doug Robinson of Clayton and Barbara Blockley of Chattanooga.

His body was cremated, and a visitation will be held Tuesday at Hunter Funeral Home.

Hunter Funeral home was in charge of arrangements. An online guestbook is available at www.hunterfuneralhome.com.

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