



## **Mr. Mills**

Billy W. Mills, 67, of Franklin, died Saturday, Oct. 17, in South Carolina.

A native of Jacksonville, Fla., he was the son of the late J.C. Mills and Ruth Womble Mills. He was a retired Navy veteran, who served as a chaplain assistant and minister of music. After serving 20 years in the Navy, he graduated from Stetson University in Deland, Fla. He then entered the ministry, serving in Virginia Beach, Va., Indianapolis, Ind., Charlotte and Franklin. His latest ministry was at First Baptist Church, as minister of music and senior adult minister; he was also a member. He was an avid golfer and member of Franklin Men's Golf Association. He was preceded in death by a brother, John Mills.

He is survived by his wife of 48 years, Peggy Butler Mills; two sons, Billy Mills of Richmond, Va., and James Mills of Roosevelt, N.J.; one daughter, Patsy Lent of Coral Springs, Fla.; two sisters, Iva Mays of Orlando, Fla., and Pat Bracey of Roland; two brothers, Julius Mills of Raleigh, and David Mills of Corinth, Miss.; four grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 22, at First Baptist Church, with Revs. James Parham and Harold Ball officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, with military graveside rites conducted by the VFW Post 7339 and American Legion Post 108.

The family will receive friends one hour prior to the service at First Baptist Church.

Memorials may be made to a charity of one's choice or the American Heart Association, c/o Margaret Cabe; 348 Bidwell St., Franklin.

Macon Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.