

Richard Chester Newell, 82, of Clayton, died Monday, April 30, 2007, at Stephens County Hospital in Toccoa.

He was born Sept. 6, 1924, in Hartford County, Conn., to Louis and Iva Fox Newell. He lived many years in Glastonbury and later moved to Palm Beach, Fla., before coming to Clayton. He was a World War II veteran who received many citations, decorations and medals, including the Silver Star for gallantry in combat. He was a member of the 3rd Connecticut Regiment. He was active in the Coast Guard Auxiliary and was a rear commodore. He was a Mason and a Shriner. He also was a Protestant.

Survivors include: his wife, Dianne Hubbard Newell of Clayton; two sons, Richard Newell II and Douglas Newell, both of Connecticut; two daughters, Rae Newell of Vermont and Rebecca Canale of Pennsylvania; 12 grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

The body has been cremated, and no services are planned at this time. A memorial service will be held at a later date.

Hunter Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

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