

Philip Marshall Payne II

Philip Marshall Payne, II, M.D., age 83, of Melrose passed away at his home on December 22, 2011. Dr. Payne was born in Staunton, Virginia on September 6, 1928, to the late Philip Marshall and Catherine (Yates) Payne. Prior to his retirement, Dr. Payne was a practicing Urologist in Ft. Myers, Florida for many years and on the Eastern Shore of Virginia. Dr. Payne was a proud graduate of the University of Virginia and following service in the Navy during the Korean War, the University of Virginia's Medical School. Dr. Payne completed his internship and residency at Shands Hospital in Gainesville.

In 2005, Dr. Payne and his wife moved from the Eastern Shore back to Florida where he was active with the Trinity Episcopal Church, the Melrose Business and Community Association, and the Melrose Historical Society. Dr. Payne was also instrumental in the founding of the Barrier Islands Center in Machipongo, Virginia.

Dr. Payne, an avid fisherman, is survived by the best catch of his life, his beloved wife of 57 years Ann (Wilson) Payne, and their five children - Captain Philip M. Payne, III, S.C., USNR-Retired (Cynthia) of Tallahassee; Margaret Blizzard (Richard) of Melrose; Oona Lewis (Eddie) of Wilson, NC; Susan Russo (Carmine) of East Hampton, MA; and Dr. Sarah Speese (Clark) of Augusta, GA.

Dr. Payne also leaves behind seven grandchildren of whom he was very proud, Reid and Kyle Lewis; Drew, Eric, and Annie Speese; and Ben and Katie Payne; his beloved nieces, Carlie Garonzik of New York, NY and Bonnie Bennet of Chester, CT; and his loving aunt, Gladys Yates of Dallas, TX. A special note of gratitude is also extended to his friends of many decades, John Sheppard and Richard Messmer of Ft. Myers and Joseph Kelley of Old Town.

A memorial service for Dr. Payne will be held on Saturday, January 21, 2012 at 10:00 AM in the Trinity Episcopal Church in Melrose with Mother Michael N. Armstrong officiating.

In lieu of flowers, the family has requested that contributions be made to either of the following - the Barrier Islands Center, 7295 Young St., P.O. Box 206, Machipongo, VA 23405; Trinity Episcopal Church, 204 State Road 26, Melrose, FL 32666; Putnam County Library, Melrose Branch, 306 Wynnwood Avenue, Melrose, FL 32666; or Haven Hospice, 6400 St. Johns Ave., Palatka, FL 32177.

Arrangements are under the care of JONES-GALLAGHER FUNERAL HOME, 340 E. WALKER DR. KEYSTONE HEIGHTS, FL 32656. 352-473-3176. www.jonesgallagherfh.com.