



## **George Edward Briers, Jr.**

**February 21, 1925 – September 28, 2015**

(From Ancestry and Findagrave.com)

George Edward Briers, Jr., age 90, of Lebanon, Virginia passed away on September 28, 2015 at home. George was preceded in death by his wife, Durfee, who he often referred to as "the love of my life."

George grew up in Hinton, West Virginia, the only son of Eddie and Stella Briers. He loved music and earned extra money on weekends playing the saxophone in small jazz bands. He was a World War II veteran, fighting in the Pacific campaign while serving in the US Navy. Upon returning from military service he attended Shenandoah Conservatory of Music in Virginia, majoring in music and meeting Durfee. The two transferred to West Virginia University where George completed an engineering degree, inspired by the many hours he served as an apprentice to his father working for the railroad. Upon graduation the young couple made their home in the Charleston area where George took a position at the Cabin Creek Plant of the Appalachian Power Company. George rose to the position of plant manager while there and received recognition for, among other achievements, an exemplary safety record.

George and Durfee raised their three children in Charleston, WV where they lived happily for many years. With his family George developed interests in boating, water-skiing and motorcycles. In later years George served as plant manager of the Kammer-Mitchell Plant in Moundsville, West Virginia and eventually the Clinch River Plant in Cleveland, Virginia. George retired almost 25 years ago, enjoying the quiet life that Lebanon, Virginia offered. He and Durfee enjoyed gardening, golf and yearly trips to Florida. They were active in Lebanon Memorial United

Methodist Church. George was Durfee's caregiver before her death in 2013 and continued to be supported and cared for by many faithful friends, allowing him to remain in his home as he wished. George was an avid reader and delighted in entertaining both friends and family with story-telling.

George is survived by his three children, nine grandchildren and three great-grandchildren : Diane (Pete) of Charleston, WV David (Monica) of Thousand Oaks, CA Mark (Sabrah) of Goode, VA Whitney (Jeff) Bolle of Atlanta, GA Drew Hendricks of San Diego, CA and Allison Hendricks of Tyrone, OK Anna (Paul) Barksdale of Forest, VA Sara Morris (Logan) of Huntsville, AL Alexa Briers of Goode, VA Cassie Briers of Los Angeles, CA Jordan Briers and Audrey Briers of Thousand Oaks, CA Korben and Jackson Barksdale of Forrest, VA Elliot David Bolle of Atlanta, GA.

There will be a memorial service honoring George at Lebanon Memorial United Methodist Church on Saturday, October 17 at 11:00 am. The family suggests donations be made to Lebanon Memorial United Methodist Church 24 Tate St. Lebanon, VA 24266 in George's honor.