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Obituary

Samuel Owen Franklin, 86, of St. Simons Island died June 1, 2003, at the local hospital. He was a native Georgian, born in Tennille, to Eva and Samuel Owen Franklin. He graduated from Leon County High School in Tallahassee, Fla. and Georgia State in Atlanta, where he later taught in the night business school. He continued his education at Cornell University. He served three years in the U.S. Army during World War II.

He spent his entire career in the petroleum pipeline business. He retired from Plantation Pipeline Co. as an executive after 39 years. He and his wife, Mimi, retired to St. Simons Island in 1981, and he quickly became involved in civic and volunteer work. He served in many capacities with the Coastal Georgia Historical Society, as docent, board member, treasurer, and three years as president. He was awarded the Cunningham Bowl for outstanding leadership and was also the recipient of the Georgia Association of Museums and Galleries Award for Outstanding Museum Patron. He was a member of Glynn County Clean and Beautiful, the Glynn County Art Association, and was currently serving as treasurer of the Friends of Coastal Georgia History. He was very dedicated to his work at the Manna House, where he was on the board and served as an active worker for 20 years and was affectionately known as the "maitre d'." In recent years, he had served as a driver for cancer patients in treatment and had found this very rewarding.

He was a member of St. Simons Rotary Club, a Paul Harris and Ed Bruce Fellow. He served on the board and was club president, as well as chairman of the Rotary Foundation. He was a member of St. Simons Presbyterian Church where was very active. He served as a Deacon, Elder, and was currently serving as a Trustee. He enjoyed a Memorial Garden that he and Mimi established at the church in honor of their mothers. He was a member of Cherokee Town and Country Club and Sea Island Club.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Margaret Brooks Franklin and is survived by his wife Mimi Franklin; children, **Sam Franklin** III of Nashville, Tenn., Brooks Franklin of Atlanta, Meg Lipsey of Hartselle, Ala; Mimi Love of Columbia, S.C., Marianna Elias of St. Simons Island; grandchildren, Scott Franklin of Memphis, Tenn., Stephen Franklin of Nashville, Tenn., Emerson Franklin of Washington, D.C., Retta Franklin and Leah Franklin, both of Atlanta, Branden Curry of Columbia, S.C., Stuart Love of Columbia, S.C., William Elias and Wilson Elias, both of St. Simons Island; and great-grandchildren, Hayes Franklin and Ellie Franklin, both of Memphis, Tenn.

A memorial service will be at 11 a.m. June 4, 2003, at St. Simons Presbyterian Church. Honorary pallbearers will be members of the Margaret Britt Sunday School Class, church officers, and the St. Simons Rotary Club. A private interment will be at Christ Church Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to St. Simons Presbyterian Building Fund or the charity of your choice.

Edo Miller and Sons Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.