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Obituary

Carling Louis **Dinkler Jr.**, 85, formerly of St. Simons Island, died in his home in Morgantown, W.Va., on Sunday, May 22, 2005. He was born August 4, 1919, in Atlanta, Ga., the son of the late Carling Louis and Alice Huthnance **Dinkler**, both formerly of Macon, Ga.

Mr. **Dinkler** graduated from Boy's High School in Atlanta and attended both the University of Georgia and Loyola University in New Orleans, La. He served in World War II and was stationed at Maxwell Field, Montgomery, Ala. After the war, he joined his father as executive vice president of the **Dinkler** Hotels, headquartered at the **Dinkler** Plaza in Atlanta. In the years to come, he was named president of the **Dinkler** Hotel Corporation where they expanded the chain from 16 to some 70 properties, including the Ambassador East in Chicago and the St. Charles Hotel in New Orleans.

Mr. **Dinkler** was on the board of the Atlanta Chamber of Commerce, past president of the American Hotel Association, and participated in numerous civic organizations in Atlanta and other cities.

Mr. **Dinkler** was an avid golfer who played in the U.S. and the British Amateur Championships. He was former director of the Southern Golf Association and was a member of numerous clubs, including Capital City and Peachtree Golf Club in Atlanta and Indian Creek in Miami, Fla.

He was very involved in the Democratic Party and served as a Georgia delegate to several of the National Democratic Conventions. Mr. **Dinkler** was a member of Rotary International.

He was first married to Cornelia "Connie" Vandergear David of New Orleans. After the sale of the **Dinkler** Hotel chain, they moved with their four children from Atlanta to Miami in 1964 and purchased land on Biscayne Bay where they built the private Palm Bay Club with marina and condominiums, and later added the architecturally acclaimed Palm Bay Towers. After Mrs. **Dinkler's** death in 1982, Mr. **Dinkler** sold the property.

He later remarried Marlene Wassick **Dinkler** of Morgantown and moved to St. Simons Island where they resided for many years before moving to Morgantown.

Mr. **Dinkler** is survived by his wife, Marlene Wassick **Dinkler** of Morgantown, his four children, Gayonne **Dinkler** of Saratoga Springs, N.Y., Carling L. **Dinkler III** of New Orleans, Derek Vandergear **Dinkler** of Nags Head, N.C., and Mrs. Kendal **Dinkler** Conlon of Birmingham, Ala.; 12 grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

Burial will be in the **Dinkler** family plot at Rose Hill Cemetery in Macon.

In lieu of flowers, send donations to Tender Loving Care Homecare & Hospice, 246

Cheat Road, Suite 2, Morgantown, W.V. 26508 (Phone: (304) 296-9898) or Immaculate Conception Church, 2310 Robertson Ave., Norwood, Ohio 45212, Attention Father Jenkins.

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