

Don Robertson

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Don **Robertson**, 89, passed away May 24, 2013, in Winter Park, Fla. He was born on Aug. 8, 1923, in Petersburg, Va.

He graduated from Petersburg High School in 1941 and attended VPI. In 1943, he joined the Merchant Marine. While serving, he received numerous citations for combat during World War II. He sailed on five ships: The Peter J. McGuire, The William W. Mayo, The Zona Gale, The Elinor Wylie and the Mark Hopkins. Several decorations were awarded: Atlantic War Zone Medal, Merchant Marine Emblem, Honorable Service Button, Merchant Marine Combat Bar, Mediterranean-Middle East War Zone Medal, Pacific War Zone Medal, Presidential Testimonial Letter and Victory Medal. He served our country until 1945 with an honorable discharge.

After the war, he returned to Virginia to finish school and graduated from William and Mary with a bachelor of science degree. He married Grace Nebel from Staunton, Va. He worked in the Textile Chemical field as a chemical sales representative.

Living for many years in Atlanta, Ga., he retired in St. Simons Island, Ga. He was a member of St. Simons Island Presbyterian Church and was an active Rotarian and a previous member of the Navy League. He was also very active in the construction of the Liberty Ship Memorial in Brunswick, Ga., to honor those who worked in the shipyards and those who sailed on the Liberty Ships.

He is survived by his wife, Grace Nebel **Robertson** of Winter Park, Fla.; his daughter, Donna N. **Robertson**, of Oviedo, Fla.; his grandson, Christopher M. Desvernine, and his granddaughter, Jennifer N. Desvernine.

No arrangements have been made at this time.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made in his memory to Hospice of the Comforter, 480 West Central Parkway, Altamonte Springs, Fla. 32714, www.HospiceoftheComforter.org.