

Ernest Edward Donaldson, Jr.

Mr. Ernest Edward Donaldson, Jr. age 84 of Ellijay, GA passed on Tuesday morning, September 27th, 2016 at the Kindred Hospital of Rome.

Mr. Donaldson was born August 21st, 1932 in McCaysville, GA to his late parents Ernest Edwin Donaldson, Sr. and Jessie Roberta Dunagan Donaldson. Ernest was a member of the Nine Mile United Methodist Church. He graduated from McCaysville High School, Class of 1949, and served his country honorably in the United States Navy during the Korean War. He attended Georgia Tech and received his B.S. in Electrical Engineering in 1958, and his Master of Science Degree in Electrical Engineering in 1964. He retired from the Georgia Tech Research Institute as a Principal Research Engineer in about 1990 where he served in the Electronics and Computer Systems Laboratory. He was a member of the Silver Jackets retirement organization at Georgia Tech.



He is survived by his wife of over 36 years, Susan O'Neal Bowden Donaldson of the home in Ellijay, GA; Daughters and sons-in-law: Lori Lynn Donaldson of Greenville, SC, Susan Beth and Bo Pyskir of Naperville, IL and Margaret Ann and David Purcell of Grayson, GA; Sons and daughters-in-law, Mark and Sandra Bowden of Roswell, GA and Dr. John and Melissa Bowden of Bishop, GA; Grandchildren, Megan Patton, Lauren and Courtney Purcell, Larisa Pyskir, Rebecca, Maura, Rachel and Sarah Bowden, Nicholas, Andrew and Matthew Pyskir and Taylor Bowden; Nieces, Susan Bartlett, Laurel Bailey and Ashley Heldman; Nephew, Franklin Wiggins; Sister, Hilda Donaldson Bailey of McCaysville, GA also survives. He is preceded in death by his sister, Jane Donaldson Wiggins.

Memorial services will be held at 11AM on Monday, October 3rd, 2016 from the Nine Mile Methodist Church with Rev. Sam Burcham and Rev. Larry Naylor officiating. Music will be by Kim Myers and George McClellan. Military graveside rites will immediately follow the service at the church and will be performed by the North GA Honor Guard. Graveside inurnment will take place at 2pm on Monday, October 3rd, 2016 at the Georgia National Cemetery in Canton, GA.

Family will receive friends from 10am until the service hour on Monday, October 3rd, 2016 at the Nine Mile United Methodist Church.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to the American Cancer Society at 300 W. Emery Street, Suite 106, Dalton, GA 30720 or to the Nine Mile United Methodist Church at P.O. Box 296, Ellijay, GA 30540 in memory of Mr. Donaldson.