



• **Carl Linwood Whitaker, 87, of Roanoke, passed away on Sunday, January 12, 2014. He was preceded in death by his parents, Samuel and Hattie Whitaker; sisters, June W. StClair, Betty W. Hageman and Margie W. Dunbar; and brothers, Ray Whitaker and Ronald Steve Whitaker. During both World War II and the Korean Conflict, Carl served in the United States Navy and was a member in several service organizations. He retired from Community Hospital of the Roanoke Valley. Carl was a member of the Williamsom Road Lions Club, having held office in that club as well as on the district level including a term as District Governor. He was very active in the Eye Bank as its first manager of eye glasses collection and recycling. Mr. Whitaker was a member of Bethany Christian Church, serving in many positions, currently as a Deacon Emeritus. A longtime member of the Roanoke YMCA, he loved swimming and various athletic activities. Carl was most social and never knew a stranger.**

Surviving are his beloved wife of 64 years, Marie T. Whitaker; several nieces and nephews; sisters-in-law, Catherine Foster and Betty Whitaker; and brothers-in-law, Robert Thomas and Clark StClair. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Bethany Christian Church, 3115 Fleming Ave. NW, Roanoke, VA 24012. The Memorial Service will be held at 11 a.m. on Friday, January 17, 2014 at Bethany Christian Church. His pastor, the Rev. Elaine Austin will officiate. A reception will follow at the church. Online condolences to www.oakeys.com.