



Robert Wesley Boyd, PE, 93, of Roanoke, died Sunday, May 17, 2009 at the VA Medical Center in Salem, Va. He was born November 10, 1915, son of the late Simpson Newsome Boyd and Mary Morris Boyd. A veteran of the U.S. Navy, he served stateside during World War II. He was a member and elder of Northminster Presbyterian Church, a former member and deacon of Calvary Baptist Church, member of

the Williamson Road Lions Club, and an active square dancer. He was preceded in death by his wife, Dorothy Robelen Boyd. Mr. Boyd grew up in Savannah, Ga. and graduated from Georgia Tech in 1939. He worked in Roanoke for the Trane Company as a sales engineer until he entered the Navy in 1943. During the war he married Dorothy Elizabeth Robelen, of Richmond, Va. and they settled in Roanoke following his service to raise a family. After many years designing heating and air conditioning systems with Trane, Mr. Boyd started ThermoTrol Corporation in 1970 and retired in 1995. After Dorothy's passing, he lived at the Virginia Veteran's Care Center in Roanoke. Mr. Boyd is survived by his daughter, Dorothy Boyd Bowen and husband, Leland, of Placitas, N.M.; sons, Robert Wesley Boyd Jr. and wife, Karen, of St. Marys City, Md., William Newsome Boyd and wife, Gina, of Seattle, Wash., and Richard Robelen Boyd and wife, Drea, of Roanoke; grandchildren, Wesley Boyd, of Panama City, Fla., Bryan Bowen and Karen Bowen, both of Boulder, Colo.; great-grandchildren, Eli and Jesse Bowen; and sister, Mary Boyd Turner, of Savannah, Ga. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m., Tuesday, May 19, 2009, at the Northminster Presbyterian Church with the Rev. David Kirk officiating. Interment will follow in Blue Ridge Memorial Gardens. The family will receive friends on Monday from 6 to 8 p.m. at Oakey's North Chapel. Memorial donations may be made to the Lions Eye Bank, P.O. Box 1772, Roanoke, Va. 24008. Arrangements by Oakey's North Chapel 540-362-1237.

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