



Edward A. Casson Jr.

September 1, 2003

Edward A. Casson, Jr., 68, departed this world on Monday, September 1, 2003 at his home.

He was born in Washington, D.C. on March 16, 1935, the eldest child of Mary Frances Morris Casson of Seagrove Beach, Florida and the late Edward A. Casson, Sr. He graduated from Fishburne Military Academy in Waynesboro, Virginia in 1953. He attended the University of Maryland and Hampton Sydney College, and was proud to have served as a United States Marine.

A lifelong pioneer and entrepreneur in the printing industry, Ed Casson began his career at Durolith in Washington, DC. He and his beloved wife of 46 years, Ronalda Anne Chaney Casson, of Reidsville, NC moved their home to Maryland's Eastern Shore in 1965. It is on the Eastern Shore that they raised six children, and Ed owned and operated Grafcom. During this time he also served on the Board of Directors of Second National Building and Loan. Relocating to Raleigh, NC in 1981, Ed spent the last 22 years building his company, Southern Lithoplate, a lithographic printing plate manufacturer, located in the Franklin Industrial Park in Youngsville, NC. In recent years his business focus and efforts were expanded to include Spectratech International, also a printing plate manufacturer, located in Middleway, WV. A highlight of his career was Business Leader Magazine awarding him their "Top Gun" award as 1993's Entrepreneur of the Year for his vision and hard work in

the offset lithograph printing industry. A man of unique spirit and drive, he leaves behind a legacy of leadership and generosity, and of true determination, as evidenced in both his business successes and the valiant battle that he fought against cancer.

Surviving are his wife, Ronalda Casson, and six children: Edward "Trip" Casson and his wife Dianne, of Wake Forest, NC, Teresa Higgins and her husband, Robert, of Easton, MD, Kimberly Phelps and her husband, Marion, of Wilmington, NC, Cynthia Higgins and her husband, Glenn, of Easton, MD, Clark Casson and his wife, Michelle, of Wake Forest, NC, and Brandon Casson and his fiancé, Lindalee "Lennie" Edwards of Louisburg, NC. A special and beloved "Pop-Pop", he also leaves behind 11 grandchildren, Justin, Jordan, Matthew, Adam, Alexandra, Meredith, Christina, Ashley, Marisa, Phillip and Nicholas. In addition to his mother, Mary Frances Casson; sisters, Collette Edwards and her husband, William of Seagrove Beach, FL, Donna Eichor and her husband, Perry, of Simpsonville, SC, Christine Casson of Gaithersburg, MD and Mary Frances "Muffy" Petty of Seagrove Beach, FL and one brother, Thomas Casson and his wife, Jodie, of Ocala, FL plus several nieces and nephews, survive him.

Wishing to find his final resting place on his beloved Eastern Shore, the funeral services will be held at Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home, P.A., Easton, MD at 11:00 AM on Friday, September 5, 2003. Interment will be at Oxford Cemetery, Oxford, MD immediately following the service. The family will be receiving friends, Thursday evening from 6 to 8 PM at the Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home, P.A.

The family requests that memorial donations be made to Talbot Hospice Foundation, 586 Cynwood Dr., Easton, MD or the National Institute for Cancer Research.

Tribute Wall



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