



Madison "Buddy" Adams

January 16, 1928 - September 14, 2016

Madison B. "Buddy" Adams went home to be with the Lord August 14, 2016, at the age of 88 years old. He was born in Dallas, Texas in 1928 to Madison B. and Mary Bassett Adams, and always remained a Texan at heart. After serving in the Navy as a control tower operator near the end of World War II, he went on to have a lifelong career working in heavy construction as a structural engineer in Jacksonville, Florida. He became known for his willingness to tackle difficult projects others would not, such as building Space Mountain at Walt Disney World. He was also an inventor, and holder of seven patents. He retired and moved with his wife Carolyn to Sylva, to be closer to his daughters.

Buddy was a lifelong lover of classical music, and also played the piano himself. He loved literature, and enjoyed committing Shakespeare to memory. He was an avid reader, consuming several books per week, and spent many enjoyable hours at the Jackson County Public library, of which he was an enthusiastic supporter. He never tired of learning new things, even mastering the latest smart phone in his latter years. He was known by friends and family alike for his quick sense of humor.

Besides his parents, he was preceded in death by his beloved wife of 62 years, Carolyn Winfrey Adams.

He is survived by two daughters, Becky Adams of Sylva, NC, and Molly Galloway (Ken) of Greer, SC; and one granddaughter, Natalie Galloway, of Greer, SC.

Buddy was cremated as per his wishes, and a memorial service for family will be held in Greer, SC at a future date. Condolences can be made at www.thewoodmortuary.com