



Thomas Mathew Higgins

June 11, 2006

Surfside Beach...Thomas Mathew Higgins, age 83 of 8th. Ave., South, died Sunday, June 11, 2006 at Waccamaw Community Hospital following an illness. Born October 30, 1922 in Clifton Forge, Va. a son of the late William Paul and Martha Kelly Higgins. Mr. Higgins was a member of Surfside Beach Town Council, he established and implemented crime watch in Surfside Beach. He was an active member of Grand Strand Shell Club and a member of St. Michael's Catholic Church. Mr. Higgins was a graduate of Virginia Tech. He retired from the Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad after many years of service as an Industrial Engineer. Mr. Higgins was pre-deceased by his wife Marguerite R. Higgins. Surviving are a dear friend: Lillian McClain of Surfside Beach; daughter, Ann Marguerite Gasiorowski of Williamsburg, Va.; brother, William Paul Higgins, Jr. and wife, Joan of Huntington, WV. and one sister, Jean H. Manner and husband, Jack of Clifton Forge, VA., several nieces and nephews. Funeral Mass will be held 10:00 AM Tuesday at St. Michael's Catholic Church. Directed by Goldfinch Funeral Home, Beach Chapel. Burial will be in Clifton Forge, VA. The family will receive friends after the service at the church. Memorials may be made to St. Michael's Catholic Church, 542 Cypress Ave., Garden City Beach, SC 29576 or to St. Joseph's Catholic Church, 620 Jefferson Ave., Clifton Forge, VA. 24422.