



William B. Leffingwell

September 28, 2009

Pawleys Island William B. Leffingwell, of Heritage Plantation, age 86, died on September 28, 2009. Born on January 14, 1923 in Whitewater, Wisconsin, Bill was the son of Irene Brown Leffingwell and Harry Chapman Leffingwell, II. He graduated from the United States Naval Academy in 1945 and was assigned Pacific duty. The Navy sent him to MIT from 1947 to 1949 where he studied Advanced Weaponry. He left the Navy in 1953 to work for Sperry Gyroscope Company on Long Island where he designed SPG-55 radars and automatic test equipment. He stayed in the weapons defense industry culminating with the Star Wars project which he believed was essential for the defense of America. After retirement he moved to Myrtle Beach, SC in 1992. He loved traveling, tennis, gardening and his many friends. He looked forward to his grandchildren visits every summer and delighted in their growth and joy playing at the seashore. Surviving are Rachela "Ricky" his beloved wife of 47 years, and his three daughters and husbands, Lisa and Tom Duryea of Kenwood, California, Deidre and Sam Mayes of Fairfax, Virginia and Rachel and Jeff Hunter of Falls Church, Virginia. He also leaves behind eight grandchildren, Jack and Liam; Michael, Melissa and Jennifer; Julia, Emily and Danielle and his sister, Lucille Netzow and husband Earl of Theinsville, Wisconsin. He was predeceased by his brother, Harry Chapman Leffingwell III. Other relatives include Marylyn, Jimmy and Frances Sinobio of Long Island, NY and Mary, Joseph and Julianna Sinobio of Las Vegas, NE and numerous nieces and nephews. Bill had a kind and gentle spirit and loved life

and was an eternal optimist he looked forward to each beautiful day. The family will receive guests on Saturday, October 3, 2009 between 2:00-4:00 PM at Goldfinch Litchfield/Pawleys Island Chapel. Memorials may be made to Alzheimer's, www.alzinfo.org/donations. Goldfinch Funeral Home, Litchfield/Pawleys Island Chapel is in charge of the arrangements.