



Frank C. Skiles, Jr.

March 24, 1925 - March 12, 2012

Frank C. Skiles, Jr. 86, of Salisbury died Monday, March 12, 2012 at the W. G. Hefner VA Medical Center.

Born March 24, 1925 in Oak Park, IL, he was the son of the late Frank Chambers Skiles, Sr. and Elta Bell Hedges Skiles.

He was educated in the Chicago, IL schools, graduating from Austin High School in 1942 and then attending Northwestern Technological Institute in Evanston, IL.

Mr. Skiles was a veteran of the US Navy, serving on the USS Cleburne APA-73, the USS James E. Keyes DD-787 and had a rating of FC2 when he transferred to the US Naval Academy in Annapolis, MD after receiving a Fleet Appointment from the President. He graduated "With Credit" June 1, 1951. After several trips to Korea aboard the USS Twining (DD-540), he transferred to Supply Corps and signed his last underway log as LTJG, (SC). Mr. Skiles went aboard as 1st Lieutenant, then Gunnery Officer and finally Operations Officer and Senior Watch Officer.

He resigned his Commission in 1957 and joined United States Steel Corporation, retiring in 1983 as Regional Staff Supervisor at the Lorain, OH plant. After further work as Director of Operations at TransAmerica Mailings in

Middleburg Heights, OH he retired with his wife to Pinehurst in 1992 and then to Trinity Oaks, Salisbury in 2004.

In retirement, he remained active in his local Lutheran congregations. He also was a hospice volunteer, and helped many retirees attain computer literacy for these changing times. He was an outstanding gentleman who loved his Creator, truth and lively conversation.

Mr. Skiles was preceded in death by his wife, Marcia Jeanne Koogle Skiles on August 1, 1999.

He will be missed by many friends and his daughters, Karen Jeanne Skiles Littell of Virginia, Catherine Anne Skiles Newbury (husband Wayne) of Lafayette, IN, Mary Elizabeth Skiles and husband Steve Semanchuk of Weaverville, along with seven grandchildren and two lovely great-granddaughters.

A Memorial Service will be held at 1 PM on Saturday, March 31, 2012 , at St. John's Lutheran Church of Salisbury. Inurnment will follow at the Church Columbarium.

Tribute Wall



“ Frank was a wonderful man and it was an honor to have known him! He is now back with his sweet wife. He loved the Lord and demonstrated his faith in his everyday good deeds towards others. God Bless you Frank! Mike and Debbie Cruse##imported-begin##Debbie Cruse##imported-end##

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“ I am a hospice volunteer and met and talked with "Captain" Skyles. He was indeed a special person and will be missed greatly.##imported-begin##Ed Dennis##imported-end##

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