

JOHNSON, Walter

Walter Johnson, 86, of Roswell, died Wednesday, August 3, 2005. Mr. Johnson was born in Montreal, Canada, and later moved to Los Angeles, California. Mr. Johnson worked for Lockheed Aircraft Corporation in Burbank, California, and moved to Georgia in 1951 as part of the management team that opened the Bell Bomber plant to be Lockheed Georgia. He retired in 1974 after 34 years with Lockheed. After his official retirement, Mr. Johnson never stopped working. Until his recent illness, he kept the books for his son, Jeffrey's business, Outdoor Architecture, and was an active volunteer at Central Presbyterian Church. He served on the session at Central for several terms, was the first chair of the Child Development Center, chaired several other committees and was a volunteer and trainer of volunteers in the Central Night Shelter. He had a gentle sense of humor and a vast repertoire of jokes that he shared with his friends at Chambrel of Roswell where he lived. He was also a veteran of WWII who served in the Pacific theater and was aboard the USS Missouri at the formal surrender of the Japanese Forces to the Allied Powers. Mr. Johnson was preceded in death by his first wife, Bettie and is survived by his beloved wife, Alice Johnson, son, Jeffrey Johnson and wife Nannette of Mountain Park, Georgia; daughter, Kathleen Coskran and husband Charles of Minneapolis, Minnesota; five grandchildren: Jessamine Starr, Hattie Johnson, Anna Coskran, John Coskran, Alexander Sosa and six great-grandchildren. Memorial services are Sunday, August 7, at 2:00 p.m. at Central Presbyterian Church, 201 Washington Street, SW, Atlanta. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Central Presbyterian Church Night Shelter. National Cremation Society, 770-923-2940.

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