



Sydney Madison

January 13, 1925 - December 3, 2009

Sydney S. Madison, of West Point, Virginia passed away Thursday, December 3, 2009 at the age of 84. He graduated from West Point High School in 1942 and attended the college of William and Mary in Williamsburg, VA until he was drafted into the US Army in March 1943. After completing basic training he was transferred to Naples, Italy where he joined the 3rd Infantry Division. From there his division helped lead the invasion landing at Anzio, Italy. After fierce battles with the enemy, Sydney's unit successfully made its way to Rome where he was wounded by enemy fire. He spent many months in Army hospitals. He received a Purple Heart and was honorably discharge in 1945. After being discharged, Sydney attended the University of Virginia and joined Chesapeake Corporation as a chemist in 1950. He joined the Sales department in 1965 and was promoted to Assistant Sales Manager of containerboard Division in 1988. He retired from Chesapeake Corporation in 1992. In addition to his work at Chesapeake and his service to his country, he was active in his community of West Point. He served as Chairman of the official Board of the West Point United Methodist Church and served as trustee for many years. He taught adult Sunday school classes for over 25 years. He served as President of West Point Country Club for two terms. Sydney also served on the Club's Board for eight years. In addition he participated in the Meals on Wheels program for over four years and served as Co-Chairman of the first Good Neighbor Center for 5 years. He is survived by his wife of 49 years, Frances Hinton Madison and their two children,

William Sydney Madison and his wife Joan and their children Hunter and Carter of Alpharetta, Georgia; Jennifer Madison Smith and her husband Tim and their three children Tyler, Tommy and Madi of Charlotte, NC. Also, a brother, Wilbert R. Madison of West Point, VA and several nieces and nephews. A funeral service will be held Monday, December 7, 2009 at 2 p.m. at West Point United Methodist Church, 1020 Main Street, West Point, VA. Burial will follow in Sunny Slope Cemetery. The family will receive friends Sunday, December 6 from Noon to 2 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. at Vincent Funeral Home & Cremation Service, 417 11th Street, West Point, VA. . In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to West Point United Methodist Church Memorial Fund, PO Box 610, West Point, VA 23181. Condolences may be registered at www.vincentfh.com