

# OBITUARIES

## William Shields, former Navy dean, dies at age of 80

William Sloan Shields, 80, a former dean and faculty member at the Naval Academy, died of cancer Thursday at his home in Sun City, Ariz.

Mr. Shields came to the academy in 1940, when he joined the foreign languages department. He was named a professor in 1956 and served as educational advisor to the superintendent and dean of admissions from 1962 to 1972, when he retired.

While living in Annapolis, he was chairman of the fund-raising campaign for the purchase and restoration of the Paca House, on the board of directors of the YMCA of Anne Arundel County and president of the Annapolis Civitan Club. He also was on the board of directors of Farmers National Bank of Annapolis and vice president of the Annapolis Council of the Navy League.

Besides serving on the advisory committee of the Maryland Association for Higher Education, he was a committee member of the American Council on Education and a member of the Board of Managers of the Stevens School. From 1963 to 1965, he served on the Committee on Examinations for the College Entrance Examination Board and was on the Governing Board of the Eugene Wilson Fund from 1958 to 1972.

After his retirement and move to Arizona, he became a member of the board of trustees of the Phoenix Art Museum, chairman of the advisory board of the Sun City Branch of the Phoenix Art Museum and president of the Sun Cities' Art Museum.

He was secretary of the Asian Arts Council, president of the Sun City Sportsmen's Club, president of the Phoenix Council of the Navy League and a member of the board of directors of Friends of Channel 8.

He served as U.S. delegate to several Naval and interamerican conferences in South America. The author of several professional articles, he was a contributing writer for two encyclopedias.

A native of Pittsburgh, he received his bachelor's, master's and doctoral degrees from Western Reserve University. He also studied at the University of Paris and at the Navy Japanese School. From 1940 to 1946 he was a captain in the Naval Reserves.

His hobbies were entomology, languages, traveling and collecting books and Oriental art.

Survivors include his wife, Jane K. Shields; two daughters, Joann Denison of Dover, Ohio, and Marcia Osmer of Pittsford, N.Y.; one son, William Shields Jr. of Glendale, Ariz.; 10 grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and one sister, Betty Williams of Clearwater, Fla.

A memorial service will be held at 3 p.m. today at the Sunland Mortuary in Sun City.

Memorial contributions may be sent to St. Joseph's Mercy Hospice, 1700 N. Central Ave., Suite 600, Phoenix, AZ 85004.

### John Balch

A memorial Mass for retired Navy Capt. John Bernard "Red" Balch, 78, of

Annapolis, will be offered at 10 a.m. tomorrow at St. Mary's Catholic Church, followed by inurnment at 11 a.m. at the Naval Academy Columbarium. Arrangements are by John M. Taylor Funeral Home.

Capt. Balch died Saturday at Anne Arundel Medical Center after a brief illness. A complete obituary was in *The Capital* yesterday.

### James Banisch

James Anthony Banisch, 51, of Edgewater, died of heart failure Sunday at Anne Arundel Medical Center.

Mr. Banisch was a computer consultant for Hewlett Packard Co. for 20 years.

He was born in Richmond, Va., attended Fordham University and graduated from Virginia Polytechnic Institute with a degree in electrical engineering. He served in the Navy from 1956 to 1968.

A resident of Edgewater for 15 years, he was interested in woodworking and sailing.

Surviving are his wife, Katherine R. Banisch, and daughter, Cynthia Ann Banisch, of the home; one brother, Joseph F. Banisch of Charlotte, N.C.; and three sisters, Elizabeth Gardner of San Diego, Barbara Butera of Arlington, Va., and Patricia Bleich of Meriden, Conn.

A graveside service will be held at 10 a.m. Thursday at Maryland Veterans Cemetery in Crownsville. Arrangements are by John M. Taylor Funeral Home.

### Eleanor Forrester

Eleanor Corrine Chapman Forrester, 66, of Annapolis, died Friday at her home. The cause of death was not available.

Born in Lothian, Mrs. Forrester attended Lothian Elementary School and graduated from the former Wiley H. Bates High School in 1945.

She worked as a day care teacher with the Salvation Army from 1970 to 1986, ending her employment as Family Services Director.

She was a member of Chews United Methodist Church of Owensville.

Surviving are her husband, the Rev. Joseph Victor Forrester Sr. of Baltimore; four children, La Rue, Dewitt and

Eliza Forrester and Ira Dennis, all of Annapolis; 10 grandchildren; six sisters; and three brothers.

A Christian wake will be at noon tomorrow at Chews Church on Owensville Road in Harwood. Funeral services will be at 12:30 p.m. followed by burial in Maryland Veterans Cemetery in Crownsville. Arrangements are by Reese and Sons Mortuary.

### Katherine Henson

Funeral services were held this morning at Antioch the Apostolic Church in Arnold for Katherine Cooke Henson, 77, of Arnold, who died of cancer Friday at the home of her daughter in Wendell, N.C.

Born and educated in Danville, Va., Mrs. Henson was a foster mother in Arnold for more than 20 years. She received a citation from Gov. William Donald Schaefer for serving as an outstanding foster mother. She raised more than 35 foster children.

She was a member of Antioch the Apostolic Church and enjoyed cooking and sewing. She also took in many homeless people.

The widow of Elijah Henson, she is survived by one sister, Lucy Winbush of Danville, Va.; five daughters, Naomi Bundy and Patricia Jack of Arnold, Penny Pace of Wendell, Terry Clausell of Stone Mountain, Ga., and Ann Johnson of Annapolis; three sons, Jonathan Larkins and Darrell and David Henson, all of Arnold; 16 grandchildren; and several great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren.

Burial was in Pinelawn Cemetery. Arrangements were by Reese and Sons Mortuary.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Hospice of Anne Arundel Medical Center, Franklin and Cathedral streets, Annapolis, MD 21401.

### George Taylor

George M. Taylor, a retired Maryland District Court judge, died yesterday at North Arundel Hospital in Glen Burnie. He was 72 and lived in Glen Burnie.

Born in Harrisburg, Pa., Judge Taylor received his law degree from the University of Baltimore in 1953. He served as a judge in the District Court of Maryland in Anne Arundel County for more than 25 years, retiring in 1989.

At the time of his death, he was president of the Maryland Trial Judges Association and belonged to the Maryland and American Bar associations. He was an Army veteran of World War II and a member of the American Legion and the Moose.

Surviving are his wife of 52 years, Helen A. Hall Taylor; three children, Margaret A. Shaffer of Baltimore, Sidona T. Kellogg of Michigan and James M. Taylor Sr. of Glen Burnie; nine grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and five brothers.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints in Glen Burnie. Burial will be in Meadowridge Cemetery. Arrangements are by Kirkley-Ruddick Funeral Home in Glen Burnie.

Memorial contributions may be made to the North Arundel Hospital Building Fund, 301 Hospital Drive, Glen Burnie, MD 21061.

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