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George Johnson Black, III, 90, passed away peacefully December 29, 2012 in Fort Myers, FL. Born in Altoona, PA on March 27, 1922, to Rebecca Louise Nicholson and George Johnson Black II, he grew up in Hollidaysburg, PA under the loving care of his maternal grandparents Alice Ramey and William L. Nicholson. George attended Shady Side Academy in Pittsburgh, PA, and the St. James School in Hagerstown, MD, before going to Washington and Jefferson College in Washington, PA. His studies there were interrupted by World War II and enlistment in the US Army's Horse Cavalry. Upon the dissolution of that Division, he transferred to the Chemical Warfare Division, and was stationed in Iceland, Britain and the Normandy Invasion. While in France, he served as an interpreter as he learned the language himself. Upon his return, he went to Georgetown University in Washington, DC, where he went to work for the Army Security Agency as a Russian translator – again, learning the language as he worked. After a brief stint as assistant manager for a carpet company, he joined The New England Life as an agent, and remained with that company for 35 years. His specialty earned him the title "Dean of the Pension Plan" by his colleagues in the Washington, DC Estate Planning Council. While he was studying for his Chartered Life Underwriter designation, George met the woman who years later would become his wife. They married in 1980; moved to The Landings Yacht, Golf & Tennis Club in Fort Myers, FL full-time in 1985; and happily used that as the base from which they traveled extensively. George loved looking at the magnificent sprays of bougainvillea, watching the golfers winding their way around the golf course once he was no longer able to play, participating in the numerous entertainment events, and going to the theater. His biggest joys, however, came from his creativity in the kitchen, playing bridge (he was a Master points player and tutor), and teaching English as a second language. George is survived by his three children (David Michael Black, Janet Nicholson Hughes, and Marianne Carson



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Strobel), four grandchildren (Terrence Nicholson Hughes, Liam Patrick Strobel, Justin Alexander Hughes, and Lauren Anne Strobel), great-grandson Jackson Thomas Hughes, and his loving and devoted wife of 32 years Arlene R. Foreman. Private arrangements have been made through the Fort Myers Memorial Gardens Funeral Home. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Alvin A. Dubin Alzheimer's Resource Center, Inc. or Temple Beth El, both in Fort Myers, FL.



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring George by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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