

Gordon Robert Winders, 78

Feb. 2, 1924 - Feb. 28, 2002

RALEIGH, NC - Gordon Robert Winders was born Feb. 2, 1924, in Le Mars, to Glen and Viola Winders. He grew up in Harlan where his parents owned Winders Photographic Studio. He was a Navy veteran serving from 1941 - 1945 aboard the aircraft carrier USS Hornet.

In 1945 he married Ruth Deeds. After graduating from Iowa State with a degree in mechanical engineering, he worked for the Atomic Energy Commission in Ames, the Nuclear Energy Division of Babcock and Wilcox in Lynchburg, VA, the Nuclear Services Division of Getty Oil in Rockville, MD and Carolina Power and Light on the Sharron Harris Plant in Raleigh, NC. He finished his career as a professional engineer consultant for his own business, Nuclear Consulting Co. in Raleigh, NC. He was a member of Saint Raphael's Catholic Church. He died Feb. 28, 2002, at his home surrounded by his wife and family after an extended illness at age 78.

He was preceded in death by a son, Bill. He is survived by his wife of 56 years, Ruth; their children, Jane, Jim, Tom, Mary Kay, Donna and Ann; his brother, Richard; 19 grandchildren and five great grandchildren.

A Mass of the Resurrection was held March 4, 2002, at Saint Raphael's Catholic Church, Raleigh, NC. Brown-Wynne Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.