

Higgins, Maurice C.

Col. (Ret) Maurice C. Higgins, 101, of Silver Springs, Maryland and formerly of Harbor Beach, passed away Sunday, November 6, 2005, at the Bedford Court, a Sunrise Assisted Living Center in Silver Springs, Maryland. Born in Detroit on September 29, 1904, he was the son of the late Charles and Nellie (McInerney) Higgins. On January 21, 1930, Maurice and Olive McCoy were united in marriage in Detroit. She preceded him in death on January 9, 1998. Maurice was a graduate of Georgetown University in 1927 and was commissioned a 2nd Lt. in the Army Reserve. He retired as Colonel in 1959 after 30 years of service. Included in his Army service were tours as company commander of several CCC camps in the 1930s. He was a battalion commander with the 32nd Infantry Division in the Philippines in 1945. He served in the occupation of Japan from 1945 to 1948. In Korea during 1951-52, he commanded an intelligence unit. From 1953 to 1955, he was Post Commander at Ft. Ritchie, Maryland. He was also commanding officer of the 2nd Infantry Regiment and in 1956-58, he was Headquarters Commandant, SHAPE in Paris. After retiring, he worked for the Martin Marietta Corporation in Denver, Colorado, and later for the State of Michigan. Until recently, Maurice enjoyed playing pool and bridge with friends at Bedford Court. Surviving are his sons, Charles Higgins, of Silver Springs, Maryland, and James Higgins and his wife, Georgia, of Columbia, South Carolina; seven grandchildren, Annemarie Higgins, Frank Higgins, Catherine Higgins-Bisnett, Charlie Higgins, Liz Mateer, John Higgins, Peter Higgins; and 11 great-grandchildren. One brother also survives, Neil Higgins, of Pinellas Park, Florida. A memorial service will be held at Bedford Court on Friday, November 11, 2005 at 10 a.m. with Fr. Peter Sweeney, of Our Lady of Grace, officiating. A memorial Mass will be celebrated at 10 a.m. on Saturday, November 12, 2005, at Our Lady of Lake Huron Catholic Church in Harbor Beach with Fr. T.J. Fleming, pastor, officiating. Cremation has taken place in Arlington, Virginia. Interment will be at the Our Lady of Lake Huron Catholic Church Cemetery. Visitation will be from 9 a.m. until the time of the service on Saturday in the church. A graveside military service by the American Legion and VFW of Harbor Beach will be after the service on Saturday. Memorials may be made to Our Lady of Lake Huron School. Ramsey Funeral Home in Harbor Beach is handling arrangements.