

Ed B. Vosburgh, Jr.

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Ed B. Vosburgh, Jr., age 87, of Laurel Park Road, Blowing Rock, passed away Monday morning, December 30, 2013, at his home.

Born April 14, 1926 Utica New York Ed spent his childhood in Lansing, Michigan, Lancaster, Massachusetts and Chicago, Illinois. He attended Georgia Military Academy in College Park, Georgia and Sharon High School. He served is country in World War II in the Navy Atlantic and Pacific theaters of War, and was honorably discharged in 1946.

He started work with his father in 1956 and spent most of his career in wholesale furniture, becoming the well known and respected manufacturer representative for Clayton Marcus Furniture Company of Hickory, NC in 1964, and traveled the two Carolinas until his retirement. His two greatest joys were his three daughters, 7 grandchildren, his work and his golf.

For many years, Mr. Vosburgh presented the annual E.B. Vosburgh, Sr. award, given at the High Point Furniture Market for the outstanding NC-SC salesman of the year, selected by the Southern Home Furnishings Club. Mr. Vosburgh received this award in 1980, was selected as Salesman of the Year by Clayton Marcus Company, Inc. in 1986. Ed was Past-President of the Virginia-Carolinas Wholesale Furniture Association, and a member of the International Home Furniture Representative Association. He was a former member of Providence Baptist Church of Charlotte, and a member of Ruple Memorial Presbyterian Church of Blowing Rock, where he served on several committees as well as a trustee. He volunteered with the Hospice of Watauga County, Boone, NC, and was a member of the Rotary Club of Blowing Rock, where he was a Board member and a Paul Harris Fellow. Ed served on the Board of the Historical Society of Blowing Rock, a Board member of the Blowing Rock Community Foundation and a member of the Blowing Rock Arts and History Museum. He served as President of the Blowing Rock Country Club from 1987 to 1989. A room in the ASU Carol G. Belk Library has been named in honor of his daughters who are graduates of the University.

Mr. Vosburgh will be remembered for his wry sense of humor and quick wit.

Mr. Vosburgh is survived by his wife, Eleanor "Tacky" Smith Vosburgh of the home; three daughters, Vicki Worsham and husband Billy of Blowing Rock, Julie Vice and husband Dan of Madison, Georgia, and Marty Johnson and husband Tim of Fayetteville, North Carolina; three grandsons, Graham Worsham of Charleston, South Carolina, Palmer Johnson of Wilmington,

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North Carolina, and Tim Johnson of Richmond, Virginia; four granddaughters, Elle Worsham of Charleston, South Carolina, Nellie Johnson of Fayetteville, North Carolina, Anna Beth Vice of Madison, Georgia, and Sara Kate Vice Jenkins and husband Jake of St. Mary's, Georgia; one great-grandson, John Austin Jenkins of St. Mary's, and one sister, Marcia Bowers and husband Tate of Charlotte.

Memorial services for Ed B. Vosburgh, Jr. will be conducted Thursday afternoon, January 2, 2013, at 3:00 o'clock, at Ruple Memorial Presbyterian Church. Officiating will be Reverend Dr. Lynn Stall and Reverend Charles Carter. Military honors, provided by American Legion Post 130, will follow the memorial service.

The family will receive friends Thursday afternoon, from 2:00 until 3:00 o'clock, at the church, prior to the service. There will be a reception, at the Vosburgh residence, following the memorial service. (320 Laurel Park Road, Blowing Rock, North Carolina, 28605)

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Ruple Memorial Presbyterian Church, 1218 Main Street, Blowing Rock, North Carolina, 28605, Appalachian State University Library, PO Box 32026, Boone, North Carolina, 28607, Medi Home Hospice, PO Box 1357, Newland, North Carolina, 28657, or to Blowing Rock Community Library, 1022 Main Street, Blowing Rock, North Carolina, 28605.

Online condolences may be sent to the Vosburgh family at www.hamptonfuneralinc.com.

Hampton Funeral and Cremation Service is in charge of the arrangements.