

## **Iris Edgerton Thompson**

Shellhouse – Rivers Funeral Home Notice (Aiken, S.C.)

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AIKEN - Mrs. Iris Edgerton Thompson, 84, beloved wife to the late Robert L. Thompson, died Monday November 26, at Aiken Regional Medical Center. Graveside services will be held at 2:00 PM Friday, at St. Paul United Methodist Church Cemetery with Rev. Brian Gilmer officiating. Mrs. Thompson was born in Smithfield, NC, to the late Ramie Luther and Lela Edgerton. She was retired from Southern Bell and was a member of Telephone Pioneers of America.

Survivors include a son, Robert R. (Susie) Thompson, Aiken; two grandchildren Robert R. Thompson, Jr., and Andrew R. Thompson; and two brothers Nait Edgerton, Smithfield, NC, and Jack Edgerton, Greensboro, NC.

Memorials may be made to the St. Paul United Methodist Church Family Life Center, 600 Main St., New Ellenton, SC 29809. Family will receive friends following the service at the church.

## **Nait Grantham Edgerton**

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Born in Smithfield, Mr. Edgerton was the son of the late Ramie L. and Lela Peterson Edgerton. Mr. Edgerton was a 1933 graduate of Smithfield High School where he played trombone in the band. After graduating from high school, he worked as a clerk at Hood's Drug Store in downtown Smithfield and took management courses at King's Business College in Raleigh. A WWII veteran, Mr. Edgerton served in the U.S. Army Air Corps from April 1942 to September 1945, when he was honorably discharged after two Bronze Stars and tours in England, North Africa, and Italy. From 1946 until his retirement in 1977, Mr. Edgerton worked as City Clerk and Finance Director for the town of Smithfield and also as Acting City Manager during vacancies.

In his later years, Mr. Edgerton received a proclamation acknowledging more than 50 years of membership in American Legion Post # 132. He was also a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, served as president of the Johnston County Disabled American Veterans Chapter #44, and was a Master Mason at Fellowship Lodge #84. Mr. Edgerton loved fishing and hunting and was a lifelong sportsman. More importantly, he was a devoted father, grandfather, and husband with an unflappable, easy-going temperament and an unflinching sense of humor.

Mr. Edgerton was predeceased by his first wife of 39 years, Etholea Clifton Edgerton, who died in 1990. He was also predeceased by his second wife, Gertrude Fields Creech Edgerton, who died in 2006. Other predeceased relatives include his four sisters, Gladys E. Barber, Louise E. O'Bannion, Mary Rose E. Grady, and Iris E. Thompson.

Survivors are his son, Nait Kirk Edgerton of Clayton; his grandson, Adam Kirk Edgerton of Chapel Hill; and his brother, David Jackson Edgerton of Greensboro; as well as eight nieces; and nephews.

Funeral services will be conducted at 2:00 p.m., on Wednesday, February 6, 2008 at First Presbyterian Church in Smithfield, with Rev. Joseph Hester officiating. Burial will follow in Riverside Cemetery. The family will receive friends at the church from 1:00 until 2:00 p.m. at the church, immediately prior to the service.

The family would like to thank the staff of Carolina House of Smithfield, where Mr. Edgerton resided for the past seven and a half years. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions should be made to First Presbyterian Church of Smithfield and Hospice of Johnston County. Condolences may be sent to the family at [www.underwoodfuneralhome.com](http://www.underwoodfuneralhome.com).