Clark Ogden Martin Sr.

Clark Ogden Martin Sr., 93, of Richmond, passed into a new life on May 23, 2009. He was preceded in death by his beloved wife of 43 years, Eve, and eldest son, Clark Martin Jr. He leaves to cherish his memory a son and his wife, Craig and Joan Martin of Mechanicsville; daughter-in-law, Helen Martin of Jacksonville, Fla.; five grandchildren, Cassie Martin of Baltimore and Trey Martin of Jacksonville, Kerry Martin Spruill and her husband, Matt, of New Kent, Drew and Glenn Martin of Mechanicsville; and his devoted companion, Dotty Flood. Clark was born in Chicago, the son of Elva and Laura Martin, grew up in Norfolk, Va., and graduated from Maury High School in 1934. He graduated from the University of Virginia in 1938 with a degree in Economics and later received an MBA from George Washington University. He began his military service as a Commissioned Ensign, U.S. Navy in 1940 and retired as Commander after 21 years of honorable service. Clark was serving on the battleship U.S.S. Pennsylvania when it was attacked at Pearl Harbor. Following his military service, Clark began a second career. For the next 20 years, he worked in finance and administration at the University of Virginia, Medical College of Virginia, and Henrico County, and also held other public management positions before retiring in 1980. Clark continued his life of service as an officer in the Pearl Harbor Survivors Association and returned numerous times to Pearl Harbor on December 7 with his fellow survivors to commemorate the attack. Following Eve’s passing, Clark became an active member of the Widowed Persons Service of Richmond Inc. where he counseled and supported others suffering the loss of a spouse. Clark was affectionately known to his friends as "Sweetie" who loved Boston Terriers, Virginia Beach, sailing, the ocean, and the joy of Italian cooking. At the age of 73, Clark decided he was too old to solo crew his sailboat and instead took up open-water SCUBA diving. Clark will always be remembered as a kind, southern gentleman with the utmost integrity, positive outlook, and calm manner, who loved and cared deeply for his family and countless friends. He was a true patriot who loved his country. A memorial service celebrating Clark’s life will be held 4 p.m. Sunday, April 14, 2009 at Mechanicsville Presbyterian Church, 7339 Atlee Road, Mechanicsville, Va. 23111, followed by a reception at the church for friends and family. In lieu of flowers, contributions in Clark’s memory may be sent to Mechanicsville Presbyterian Church, or the Pancreatic Cancer Action Network, 2141 Rosecrans Ave., Suite 7000, El Segundo, California 90245.