

James Benjamin Marbert

Ben passed away on November 7, 2017 at his home in Fairfax, Virginia surrounded by his family. He was born in Greenwood, SC in 1934. He was a 1956 graduate of Clemson University where he earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Civil Engineering and played football for the Tigers. He spent his professional career as a patent examiner with the United States Patent and Trademark Office, retiring after 33 years. In his retirement, Ben furthered his education with courses in substance abuse counseling. Ben was a longtime member of Alcoholics Anonymous (AA). Throughout his 21-year involvement with the program he sponsored many new members, supporting and counseling them in their recovery from addiction. Ben was a cherished father to Brian Marbert and Stacy Marbert Pruitt, father-in-law to Sarah Marbert and Kirk Pruitt, and grandfather to Kayla Marbert Cotter, Ben Pruitt, and Wyatt Pruitt. He was a loving friend to many including longtime companion Laura Hicks.

A celebration of Ben's life was on Saturday, November 18 at 1 p.m. at Fairfax Memorial Funeral Home, 9902 Braddock Road, Fairfax, VA 22032, www.fmfh.com. In lieu of flowers, the family request that donations be sent to Capitol Care Hospice.