

Obituaries

Frederic C. Caswell, 78

Capt. Frederic C. Caswell, Jr., 78, of 2 Bryer Ave., Jamestown, died on Tuesday, Jan. 29, 2008 at Newport Hospital. He was the husband of Ruth E. (Farrington)

Caswell. Born in Newport on August 21, 1929, he was a son of the late Frederic C. and Hannah W. (Grinnell) Caswell.

Capt. Caswell was a graduate of Rogers High School, class of 1947 and a graduate of Brown University, class of 1951. After his schooling, he was commissioned as an ensign in

the United States Navy. From 1951 to 1954 he served on the destroyer USS Hale. He was the commanding officer of the USS Amherst for 38 months, and completed two tours of duty on amphibious ships. While stationed in Philadelphia, he was the commanding officer of the destroyer USS Lowry. Capt. Caswell was the last Naval attaché to the Republic of China in Taiwan from 1976 to 1979. He served at the Naval War College from 1980 to 1983 and retired from the Navy while in Newport. Among the commendations he received were the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, the Joint Service Commendation Medal and the Navy Commendation Medal. He later went to work for the American Institute in Taiwan from 1984 to 1988. From 1989 to 1994, Capt. Caswell worked for Litton Industries as their agent in Taiwan.

He was a member of the Central Baptist Church in Jamestown for his entire life. He served in several capacities including treasurer of the


church and as a member of the choir. Capt. Caswell was also a member of Save the Bay and was an avid sailor and reader. He enjoyed crossword puzzles as well as working on his computer.

Besides his wife of 56 years he leaves his three children; James P. Caswell of Jamestown; Ellen S. Brady and her husband Joseph of Newport; Judith Cushing of Newport; eight grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; a sister, Nancy L. Mason of Jamestown, and many nieces and nephews. He was the brother of the late Frank W. Caswell.

A Memorial Service will be held on Saturday, Feb. 9, at 1 p.m., at the Central Baptist Church, 99 Narragansett Ave., Jamestown.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Central Baptist Church or to the Jamestown Emergency Medical Service, P.O. Box 8, Jamestown, RI, 02835.

Arrangements are with the O'Neill-Hayes Funeral Home.



Card of Thanks
The family of the late Ethel M. Kitts gratefully acknowledges and thanks everyone for their expressions of sympathy.

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W. G. Brooks Thomas, 82

W. G. Brooks Thomas, 82, died Jan. 30, 2008 in Newport, from medical conditions related to Parkinson's disease. He was the husband of Constance (Beels) Thomas for 55 years.

The son of C. Lloyd and Jocelyn Parker Thomas, he was born on Dec. 24, 1925, in Cambridge, Mass.

He was educated at St. Paul's School in Concord, N.H., graduating in June, 1943. Mr. Thomas had been accepted as a freshman by Yale during the summer of 1943; however, the Navy had also accepted him in the Navy V-12 College Training Program at the same time. He joined the Program at Williams College. The Navy transferred him to the NROTC Engineering Program at Tufts College in March, 1944, where he graduated in October, 1945, receiving a commission as ensign, USNR and a degree of bachelor of Naval science at the same time. Mr. Thomas entered Yale College and graduated in 1948.

Mr. Thomas worked in banking and industry until 1960 when he became manager of the Connecticut Development Credit Corpora-

tion, a small business commercial loan company specially chartered to make "non-bankable" term loans to promising but un-bankable small companies in Connecticut. In 1970, he was employed by the Development Credit Corporation of Maryland where he was elected President and CEO, a position he held until his retirement in 1986. In the same year, he moved to Jamestown, Rhode Island, where he had been a summer resident since childhood. He had been a bank consultant prior to his death.

During his years in the Navy, in industry and in banking, Mr. Thomas served as organist and choir master in several Episcopal parishes for many years. His last tour of musical duty was at St. Thomas in Maryland from 1972 until 1979.

He is survived by two sons and two daughters, nine granddaughters and one grandson. Services will be private.

Donations in his memory may be made to the American Parkinson's Disease Foundation, Rhode Island Chapter, P.O. Box 41659, Providence, RI 02940.

Funeral arrangements were by Memorial Funeral Home, Newport.

Artists sought for 'window' project
The Providence Art Windows Project is seeking proposals from artists for works to be installed in downtown windows. Work may be pre-existing or site specific and can be either two or three dimensional. There will be two rounds of installations—one opening on Sept. 18 and the other on Dec. 6. The deadline for either opening must be post-marked no later than June 15. There is a \$100 stipend available. With the proposal and resume, send 10 jpegs on disk, and SASE to 205 Kenyon Ave., E. Greenwich, RI, 02818. No e-mail entries. For more information, call Liz Keithline at 578-4313 or e-mail keithliner@cox.net, with "Windows" in the subject line.

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