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John Beitel Edwards, age 90, of St. Simons Island passed away in his sleep at the Brian Center Inn on January 31, 2005.

Born October 5, 1914, in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, he graduated from Lehigh University in 1934 with a B.S. in metallurgical engineering. Upon graduation he moved to Niagara Falls, New York, where he began a career with Union Carbide which spanned 45 years.

On September 1, 1941, he married Margaret Harrington of Brunswick in a loving marriage that lasted 61 years, until her death in 2002. His career took them from Niagara Falls to Oak Hill, W.Va., and eventually back to St. Simons Island upon retirement. During retirement he was an active member of the St. Simons Rotary Club and the St. Simons Presbyterian Church.

John is survived by three loving children, Laurie Edwards of Oakland, Calif., John H Edwards of Lake Forest, Ill., and Daniel L. Edwards of Corte Madera, Calif.; and two grandchildren, Lindsey Harrington and John Power Edwards.

He will be missed and fondly remembered for his engaging personality, his love and devotion to his family, sincere interest in those around him, and an unending sense of curiosity developed from his years as an engineer.

A memorial service will be at 12 noon, Friday, February 11th, at St. Simons Presbyterian Church with the Rev. Robert Brearley and the Rev. Deanie Strength officiating. Private internment services will be held at Palmetto Cemetery in Brunswick.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Simons Presbyterian Church, 205 Kings Way, St. Simons Island, GA 31522.

Edo Miller and Sons Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.