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Thomas McCaffrey **Swan**, of Saint Simons Island, and formerly of Weston, Conn., passed peacefully from this life, May 1, 2009, with his beloved high school sweetheart and wife of 58 years, Dawn Reed **Swan**, by his side.

Tom was predeceased by his parents, Esther Braemer and John J. **Swan**; as well as his son, Michael John.

Tom is survived by his children, Greg and his wife Cynthia, Ellen, Michael's wife Julie, Thomas and his wife Carrie, Peter and his wife Nan, Mark and his wife Cyndy and Tricia and her husband James. Tom's grandchildren include Crista Acosta, Tom **Swan**, Todd, Jeff and Brad Dixon, Michael and Emma Grace **Swan**, Christopher, Matt and Megan **Swan** and Jamie and Colin Reilly. Tom's great-grandsons are Christian and Adrian Acosta. Adrian was born just hours before Tom passed from this life. He is also survived by his siblings John **Swan** and Mary Gijanto.

Tom graduated from Siena College in 1950 and served in the Counter Intelligence Corps of the U.S. Army from 1951 to 1953. He worked for General Electric Co. from 1953 to 1989. He began with G.E. in Schenectady, N.Y., then Tom and his growing family moved to Scottsdale, Ariz., and onto corporate headquarters in Fairfield, Conn.

Tom loved to be involved serving others in the communities where he lived. He was a Little League umpire, a member of the Board of Recreation (Weston) where he served as the chairman, and, on Saint Simons Island, he volunteered for the American Cancer Society, was a Shorebird, Beachcomber, a member of the Rotary Club and enjoyed singing with the Barber Shop Quartet. He will be remembered for his creative writing skills and for always having a Swiss Army knife handy on Christmas mornings.

Tom had a zest for life, a ready laugh, a radiant smile and will be greatly missed by those who knew him.

All are invited to celebrate his life at 10 a.m. Saturday May 9, 2009, at Saint William Catholic Church, Saint Simons Island.

Contributions in Tom's memory can be made to the Hospice of the Golden Isles, 1692 Glynco Parkway, Brunswick, GA 31525.

Arrangements are entrusted to Edo Miller and Sons Funeral Home and Oglethorpe Crematorium, Brunswick.