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## William Jackson Barton

**Savannah, GA** - William Jackson Barton William Jackson Barton passed away peacefully on February 11, 2009.

He was born October 03, 1923 in Canton, NC. He was a graduate of Canton High School and a graduate of North Carolina State University where he was named a Distinguished Alumni of the School of Forest Resources. Mr. Barton was a decorated veteran of World War II having served as First Lieutenant in the Infantry. He began his legendary career as an assistant state forester for the State of South Carolina.

In 1956 he joined Union Camp Paper Corporation (now International Paper). He retired from the company in 1987 as Woodlands Division Operations Manager. In addition to being a registered forester and certified tree farmer, Mr. Barton was very involved in the forest products community. He served as president of the Society of American Foresters in the late 1980's and recently received the Society's John A. Beale Memorial Award for outstanding service to the SAF. He was a past president and director emeritus of the Georgia Forestry Association from which he received a Distinguished Service Award. He was a past chairman of the Southeastern Society of American Foresters and a member of the board of the North Carolina Forestry Foundation. Mr. Barton was a founder and past president of Southern Forest World. He received The Forest Farmer's annual award. He was recognized by Governor George Busbee as a framer of the Constitution of the State of Georgia.

Mr. Barton was a member of Alpha Zeta, Xi, Sigma Pi, and Phi Kappa Phi honor fraternities as well as Blue Key. To honor his mentor, Mr. Barton established the William J. Barton/Alexander Calder, Jr. Industrial Forestry Scholarship at North Carolina State University. For many years Mr. Barton taught the Winsome Sunday School Class at Cokesbury United Methodist Church.

At the time of this death he was a member of Isle of Hope United Methodist Church.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 61 years, Kathryn Coogler Barton, his parents, Herman A. and Wilma M. Barton, his sister, Jeanne S. Turner.

He is survived by his son, William J. Barton, Jr. and his wife, Susan; his daughter, Virginia "Ginny" Barton Jarrett and her husband, Shields; his beloved granddaughters, Lamar, Wallis, and Elise Barton. Also surviving are his nephews, David Barton Schenck and wife, Margaret, and William Adrian Schenck and wife Darlene.

Services will be held at 2 o'clock on Saturday, February 14th at Isle of Hope Methodist Church with the Reverend Dick Reese and Dr. Frank Parr officiating. The family will receive friends following the service.

Memorials may be made to the Barton/Calder Industrial Forestry Scholarship at North Carolina State University, Raleigh, North Carolina or Isle of Hope Methodist Church Greenhouse Fund, Savannah, Georgia.