



Richard Morris,

September 7, 1929 - July 5, 2012

Richard Hobson Morris Jr.

Funeral services for Richard Hobson Morris Jr., 82, of Tuscaloosa, will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, July 7, 2012 at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home Chapel, Jim Abbott officiating, with interment in Flint Creek Cemetery.

Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.

Mr. Morris died Thursday, July 5, at the Veterans Administration Nursing Home in Tuscaloosa. Hobby was born September 7, 1929, in Akron Ohio to Richard H. Morris Sr. and Nettie Alberta Gay Morris. He lived in Vinemont and attended Kelly School and Cullman High until he left to enter the Maritime Academy in 1946, and served in the Maritime Service until he was drafted into the U.S. Army in 1950. He was in prison camps in North Korea and China for 27 months. He suffered from enemy treatment and starvation, reaching a weight of only 120 pounds during his capture. After his prison release, he returned home to Vinemont and married the love of his life, Vertie Jeffers. He returned to active Maritime service until he retired in 1991.

Richard was preceded in death by his wife, Vertie Jeffers Morris, a daughter, Rhonda Morris, and his parents.

Survivors include a daughter, Teresa Morris (Jim) Caudle of Vinemont; a son, Dwight Ronald Morris of Tuscaloosa; six grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; two brothers, Dewayne (Jo) Morris of Birmingham and Jack (Betty) Morris of Vinemont; and a sister, Anna Faye Morris (Ray) Hite of

Leesville, SC.

Visitation will be from 10 to 11 at the funeral home.

Friends are encouraged to sign the online guestbook at www.cullmanheritage.com.