



LAWRENCE

CANA, Va. — Benjamin Jones Lawrence Jr., MD, 83 of Cana, Va., passed away at his home Sunday, Sept. 7, 2008. Dr. Lawrence was born in Raleigh on Dec. 11, 1924, to the late Benjamin Jones Lawrence Sr., MD, and Carolyn Thomas Lawrence. He graduated from Needham Broughton High high in Raleigh, attended NC State and the University of North Carolina. He received his degree in medicine from Jefferson Medical College in Philadelphia. He proudly served our country in the US Navy during World War II and the Korean Conflict. He served his internship in Charlotte and residency in surgery at Wake Forest North Carolina Baptist University in Winston Salem finishing in 1956. He then moved to Mount Airy where he conducted his surgical practice at the Northern Hospital of Surry County until his retirement in 1987. He was a 50 year member of the North Carolina Medical Society and also the Wake County and Surry Yadkin Medical Societies. At Northern Surry Hospital he served as chief of staff and also years on the staff executive committee. He spent time on the Board of Hospital Trustees. Dr. Lawrence was associated with the Surry Heart Association, the Museum of Regional History and was a Rotarian. An avid sports enthusiast, he also found

time for his main hobby, model trains. Dr. Lawrence was a life long Baptist he also attended church at First Baptist, Trinity Episcopal and Mount Bethel Moravian Church. He is survived by his beloved wife of 22 years, Gaye Cain Lawrence of the home; a step son and daughter-in-law of Mount Airy; a son of Henderson; a daughter of Carrboro; a son out of state; eight grandchildren; and one sister and brother-in-law, Betty Tom and husband Sam Homewood of Kentwood, Va. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his father-in-law, Boyd Cain. A graveside service will be conducted at 11 a.m., Wednesday, Sept. 10, 2008, at Oakdale Cemetery by the Rev. Todd Byrd with the body to be entombed in the family Mausoleum. Full military rites will be conducted by VFW Memorial Honor Guard Post 2019 of Mount Airy and Post 9436 of Pilot Mountain. There will be no formal visitation. A registry book will be available at Moody Funeral Home in Mount Airy. In lieu of flowers any memorials may be made to Mount Bethel Moravian Church, 170 Mount Bethel Rd, Cana, VA 24317 or Mountain Valley Hospice and Palliative Care, 401 Technology Lane, Suite 200, Mount Airy, NC 27030. The family would like to express a special thanks to Sabrina McKeithan and Penny Smith for the care given during his illness. Moody Funeral Home in Mount Airy is assisting the Lawrence family. Online condolences may be made at www.moodyfuneralservices.com.