

Richard Driessnack, LCDR, USNR

Richard H. Driessnack, 89, of Covenant Towers on Little River Road, died Sunday, December 14, 2014 at Grand Strand Regional Medical Center. Mr. Driessnack was born in Yonkers, New York, the eldest son of the late Richard Curt and Meta Katerina Dohrmann Driessnack. He graduated from Valparaiso University in Valparaiso, Indiana with a BSCE, BA in 1952. Mr. Driessnack was president of his Senior Class, member of Tau Beta Pi, an honorary Engineering Society and Pi Gamma Mu, an honorary Social Science Society. He was a US Navy Veteran. Mr. Driessnack served in the US Merchant Marine for two years. He retired as a Lt. Commander with the US Naval Reserve after 25 years of service. He worked for Michigan Bell Telephone Company, retiring after 33 years in 1988. He was a member of Risen Christ Lutheran Church of Myrtle Beach, serving as an Elder for many years. Mr. Driessnack received the "Servant of Christ" Award in 2006 from the Lutheran Church Southeastern District. Mr. Driessnack was preceded in death by two brothers, Lt. Gen. Hans Driessnack and Carl Driessnack. Surviving are his wife of 63 years, Lorraine Driessnack of Myrtle Beach; three sons, Dr. Richard Paul Driessnack (Janice) of Brimfield, IL, Robert Driessnack (Paula) of Edmonds, WA and Timothy Driessnack (Lori) of Mt. Pleasant, MI; four daughters, Christine Hillesheim (Rick) of Charlotte, NC, Karen Adelman (Jan) of Houston, TX, Cheryl Davanzo (Mark) of Powell, OH and Lisa Freund of Savannah, GA; 26 grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren; and one sister, Carolyn Driessnack of Yonkers, NY.