

James Faulkner Channing

James Faulkner Channing, 91, passed away on April 8, 2017 in his home surrounded by his family. Mr. Channing was born in Washington DC on April 29, 1925. He was a graduate of University of Maryland, Georgetown University, La Sorbonne in Paris, University of Mexico, and the University Of Perugia, Italy. He was a Veteran of the U.S. Army during WWII, and served during the Battle of Normandy, the Battle of the Bulge and the Battle of Sicily. He was a recipient of the Purple Heart, and the Croix De Guerre. Mr. Channing had an early career of curatorship's at the Smithsonian Museum and Mount Vernon. He was a Diplomat with the U.S. Department of State with posts throughout Central and South America, Australia, and Africa.

He is survived by his wife Leonora Channing; a daughter, Lucy Channing and her husband Ramon Breeden; a grandson, James Faulkner Channing and his wife Trini; a granddaughter, Carmen Channing, and nieces and nephews, Michael, Elizabeth, and Kathy. Mr. Channing was preceded in death by a son, James F. Channing, Jr.

The family will receive friends from 6-8 p.m. on Monday, April 17, 2017 in the home of Lucy and Ray Breeden, 1433 N. Bay Shore Dr. in Virginia Beach. A memorial service will be held on Tuesday at Atlantic Shores Retirement Community, Anchor Room at 11 a.m. A reception will be held at the home of Lucy and Ray Breeden following the memorial service. H.D. Oliver Funeral Apts. is assisting the family.