

## **James Messer Ruedin, Sr.** **(22 Nov 1928 – 28 May 2005)**

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Statesville – Mr. Ruedin, 76, died May 28, 2005 at Iredell Memorial Hospital after a courageous battle with prostate cancer.

He was born on November 22, 1928, in Washington, DC and was the son of the late Pierre Leon Ruedin and Agnes Messer Ruedin. Mr. Ruedin graduated from Billard Academy and Widener University (formerly Pennsylvania Military College) where he earned a Bachelor of Science degree in 1950. He served in the US Army and fought in the Korean Conflict. He worked in the advertising and purchasing department at the New York Daily News from 1954-1961 and then as a Vice President of both Niemand Brothers and Niemand Industries from 1961 until 1991. He was also involved in numerous civic, community and church volunteer projects. As a member of Rotary International, he was honored as a Paul Harris Fellow.

He is survived by his wife of 46 years, Doris Niemand Ruedin; his son, James Messer Ruedin, Jr. and wife, Madelyn, of Houston, TX; his daughter, Nancy Ruedin Snyder and husband, David of Statesville; and his grandchildren, Geer James Ruedin, Mary Shannon Ruedin, Daniel Lewis Snyder and James Lincoln Snyder. He was a beloved husband, devoted father and adored grandfather, and will be missed greatly.

The family will receive friends from 6:30-8:30 PM at Nicholson Funeral Home in Statesville on Tuesday, May 31, 2005. There will be a private funeral service at the Historic Congressional Cemetery in Washington, DC at the convenience of the family.

The family wishes to thank Dr. Michael Serwint, Dr. Michael Schlesinger and Dr. Henry Walters for their dedicated care.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests contributions may be made to the Gordon Hospice House, 2347 Simonton Road, Statesville, NC 28625.

Nicholson Funeral Home is serving the family of James Messer Ruedin Sr.