In Memoriam - Jason Wister Ammons
“*A true Southern gentleman who knew no enemies*”

Jason Wister Ammons, age 87, departed on Tuesday, May 18, 2010 in Boca Raton, Florida, after a brief illness. He was visiting with his family at the time of his passing.

He was survived by his wife of 30 years, Audrenne Ross Ammons of Riverside, CA, one sister, Dorothy Rivers of Hartsville, SC, three daughters, Paula Jean Ammons of Hagerstown, MD, Donalda Kay (Diane Morton) Ammons of Parkland, FL, and Sandra Dee Ammons of Fremont, CA, and step-daughter, Suzette Schuster of Riverside, CA, and step-son, Ethan (Pat) Bernstein of Fremont, CA. He was also dearly loved by his grandchildren, Delanne Woodall (Eric) Hamlow, Blair Rasmus, Shea Rasmus, Tyler Schuster, Amelia Bernstein and Dmitri Bernstein and two great-grandsons- Logan and Ashton Hamlow. He was also survived by his first wife, Ina P. Ewan of Coral Springs, FL and many relatives from near and far.

Born December 30, 1922 in Middendorf, South Carolina to Jesse and Mary Jane (Hoffman) Ammons, he attended the South Carolina School for the Deaf and graduated in 1942. He was greatly influenced by his older deaf sister, the late Jewel Ammons Lewis who encouraged him to attend Gallaudet University in Washington, D.C. In 1947, he earned a Bachelor of Science degree from Gallaudet. Jason held Gallaudet University close to his heart for the dimensions that were brought into his life. His proudest moments include his brotherhood in the Kappa Gamma fraternity and his ties to the legendary Five Iron Men, having played on the same basketball team with them. Immediately after graduating, he was employed as a linotype printer for various printing companies and retired from the Government Printing Office in 1983.

After living in metro Washington, D.C. for more than four decades, he transplanted to Riverside, California where he continued to enjoy bowling, fishing, tending to his beautiful garden, and was active in the deaf community, especially at sporting events. As a world traveler, he embraced every opportunity to visit and experience different cultures.
Jason, a true Southern gentleman who knew no enemies, will be especially remembered for his sweet disposition, gentleness and compassion. He always took pleasure in chatting with people of any age!

A service to remember and honor Jason’s legacy will take place on Saturday, 14 August in Riverside, CA. Exact location will be announced at a later date.

Memorial contributions may be made in memory of Jason Ammons for either California School for the Deaf-Riverside or Gallaudet University’s athletics department. The address for California School for the Deaf-Riverside is 3044 Horace Street, Riverside, CA 92506-4420 and Gallaudet University, Office of Development, 800 Florida Avenue NE, Washington, D.C. 20002-3695.