

**GEOFFREY WILTON COPE**  
**July 24, 1918 – July 19, 2005**

Beloved father and grandfather, Geoffrey W. Cope, 86, fondly known as 'Gar' passed away peacefully at home in Niceville, FL. on July 19, 2005. He was preceded in death by his wife, Edna A.M. Ellis Cope. He is survived by his daughter and son-in-law, Lynn Cope and Louis A. D'Agostino of Niceville, FL.; his grandson, Geoffrey L. D'Agostino of Niceville, FL.; his sisters Muriel Bradford and Mabel Ford (John) of Vancouver, B.C. Canada; his sister Connie Garrod (Ernie) of Toronto, Ont. Canada and six nieces and nephews. He was born in Wolverhampton, England on July 24, 1918 to the late Kate and Frank Cope.

He lived in Williamsville, NY for over 40 years before moving to Niceville. In his youth, he was an accomplished trick diver and water polo player, and paced an Olympic swimmer. An avid golfer, in the 1980's he realized his dream and played Gleneagles, Muirfield and St. Andrews. He was a Scottish Rite Mason and member and past president of the Amherst, NY Kiwanis Club.

He was a fellow in The American Society of Mechanical Engineers and served on their History and Heritage Committee, Buffalo section. He had over 100 U.S. and international patents. His railroad couplers were used on the Northeast Corridor, High-speed AMTRAK Metroliner and they are also used by the Toronto Transit Commission.

He proudly served for over six years in the British Royal Navy in WWII. A memorial service was held on July 28, 2005 in St. Jude's Episcopal Church in Niceville, FL. His final resting place is at Calvary Episcopal Church in Williamsville, NY, where he was a lifelong member.