



Remembering our brothers who have passed from this life

HORTON, FRANK L. '36

Frank L. Horton died 21 February 2004. He was 85 years old. Mr. Horton is survived by his sister-in-law, Ruth Horton of Blacksburg, VA, and a niece, Carolyn Horton Lappan of Virginia Beach.

He graduated from Reybolds High School in 1935 and attended Augusta Military Academy and the New Mexico Military Institute in Roswell before attending Pace Institute (now Pace University) in New York City, where he studied business. In 1942, Mr. Horton enlisted in the U.S. Navy and served during World War II aboard the USS Sturtevant, a destroyer escort ship.

When Old Salem Inc. was established in 1950, Mr. Horton was hired as the museum's first Director of Restoration. He held this post for over 20 years. Salem was established in 1766 by Moravian settlers from Pennsylvania and became an important trade and cultural center. In 1965, Mr. Horton and his mother opened the Museum of Early Southern Decorative Arts (MESDA) in Old Salem. MESDA collects, exhibits and studies the furniture, silver and other metals, textiles, ceramics and visual arts made in the South from the 1600s to 1820.

The author of numerous articles on southern decorative arts, Mr. Horton was awarded many honors for his contributions to the fields of historic preservation and American decorative arts. Among his notable awards are the Louise du Pont Crowninshield Award in 1970 by the National Trust for Historic Preservation; the Henry Francis duPont Award in 1989 for distinguished contributions to the American arts (awarded by the Winterthur Museum); and the North Carolina Award in Fine Arts in 1999, the most distinguished award presented by the State of North Carolina. Mr.

Horton was awarded an honorary doctor of humanities degree in 1995 by Wake Forest University. In 1997, Old Salem named its new museum complex in Mr. Horton's honor. The Frank L. Horton Museum Center now houses MESDA, the Old Salem Toy Museum and the Old Salem Children's Museum.

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Horton was at Augusta for one year: Private, Company A; Post Graduate Student.

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