



## Remembering our brothers who have passed from this life

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**O'DONNELL, JOHN BURKE JR. '24**

Died 26 April 2003, a few weeks short of his 98th birthday, in Raleigh, NC.

He attended Augusta for two years, intending to enroll in Georgetown University. One of his instructors at AMA advised him to enroll in the University of North Carolina, and he received an undergraduate degree (BSCOM) there in 1928. He was a member of DKE fraternity and of the swimming, wrestling, and track teams.

Later he did graduate work in business, then studied law at the University of South Carolina. He thus began a long and varied professional career that included seven decades in Georgia and the Carolinas in banking, insurance, and sales.

During WWII, he was commissioned at Ft. Lee, VA, and trained on the West Coast for combat in the Pacific. He actually served throughout the war in Europe, after being transferred by his commanding officer due to his management education, training, and experience. He later entered the Reserves and retired from the Army a Major.

Survived by his wife of 64 years, Leah Irwin MacNair O'Donnell; a son, John III, of Raleigh; and a granddaughter, Margarite Nash O'Donnell, also of Raleigh.

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