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Gannam, Michael J.

Michael J. Gannam, 80, died Tuesday, June 10, 2003.

He was born in Savannah to Karam and Annie Gannam and was a communicant of the Cathedral of St. John the Baptist. Mr. Gannam graduated from Benedictine Military School in 1941 and served with the U.S. Army Air Corps in the South Pacific during World War II. He attended Armstrong Junior College and received his Juris Doctor degree from the University of Georgia in 1948.

He was the senior partner in the law firm of Gannam & Gnann, LLP. Mr. Gannam taught business law, political science and history at Armstrong State College from 1951 to 1962.

He was active in his community serving on many boards and with community organizations, including the Historic Savannah Foundation, the Telfair Academy of Arts and Sciences, the Savannah Arts Commission, the Savannah Council of World Affairs, and the Gilmer Lecture Series Fund. Mr. Gannam was a former president of the Savannah Bar Association and served on the Board of Governors of the State Bar of Georgia from 1968 to 1999.

He is survived by his wife of 54 years, Marion DeFrank Gannam; four children, James Gannam and Cynthia Heitger, Ann Gannam and Dan Gourde, Elizabeth and Ron Jorde, and Joe Gannam and Melanie Marks; and three grandchildren, Joshua, Nathan, and Joseph Gannam.

The family will receive friends from 5:00-7:00 p.m., Thursday, June 12 at the residence.

Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10:00 a.m., Friday, June 13 at the Cathedral of St. John the Baptist.

Burial: Bonaventure Cemetery.

Remembrances: In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorials be sent to Armstrong Atlantic State University, Michael J. and Marion DeFrank Gannam Scholarship Fund, 11935 Abercorn Street, Savannah, Georgia 31419.

Fox & Weeks Funeral Directors Hodgson Chapel