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**Deceased: Glenn W. Stafford**

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Retired executive Glenn W. Stafford, retired financial vice president of the L.A. Benson Co. Inc., in East Baltimore, died Friday of respiratory and heart failure at a hospital in Fort Myers, Fla., where he had a winter home. He was 79.

He had also maintained a home in Boone, N.C., since leaving Rodgers Forge 10 years ago.

He retired in 1978 after 33 years with Benson, an industrial supply company.

Friends in Florida praised him as a gentle man. One said, "There is a celebration in heaven today. Glenn Stafford has arrived.''

Born in Taylorsville, N.C., Mr. Stafford came to Baltimore as a young man after playing first base on minor league baseball teams in the Midwest.

He graduated from the University of Baltimore and served in the Army during World War II.

He was a member of the executive committees of the Middle Atlantic Left-Handed Golfers Association and of the National Association of Left-Handed Golfers, of which he was treasurer.

He was a member of Mount Vernon Baptist Church in Boone and McGregor Baptist Church in Fort Myers.

In Baltimore, he was a member for 35 years and financial secretary of Grace United Methodist Church, 5407 N. Charles St., where services were planned for 2 p.m. today.

Mr. Stafford is survived by his wife of nearly 50 years, the former Dorothy Kagle; two daughters, Candace Kocher of Richmond, Va., and Valerie Hardy of Bel Air; a son, Glenn W. Stafford Jr. of Richmond; three sisters, Belle Teague, Toy Smith and Sara Seitz, all of Hickory, N.C.; five brothers, Don and Mack Stafford, both of Hickory, Roy Stafford of Taylorsville, Lindsay Stafford of Conover, N.C., and Wade Stafford of Gastonia, N.C.; and six grandchildren.

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