Wilbur R. Boyer, Jr., "Bill," "Poppy," 87, of Bentley Village, Naples, born December 23, 1923 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania and formerly of Media, PA and Avalon, NJ passed away suddenly, Tuesday, August 30, 2011. Bill was predeceased by his wife of 57 years, Jane Carter Boyer, and by his sister Evelyn Hinsdale. Bill is survived by his three children, Susan Howell (husband John), Carol Obermeier (husband Gary) and Jack Boyer (wife Kathryn), and four grandchildren Jack Howell, Elizabeth Howell, Madeline Boyer and Margaux Boyer. A WWII veteran, Bill served as Radioman 2nd class aboard the USS Blue DD-744 in the Pacific Fleet from 1943 until October 1945. Bill retired from the Pennsylvania Central Railroad in 1983, working as a Yardmaster in Philadelphia. Bill was an active sportsman. He played baseball at Olney High School in Philadelphia and loved playing tennis and swimming at the beach with his children and grandchildren. Poppy was a wonderful grandfather who was also known to break out into song - Jimmy Buffet’s “Pencil Thin Mustache” was a favorite - and he always helped do the dishes. Bill was an avid bridge player and especially enjoyed the company of the wonderful staff and his many friends at Bentley Village. He will be missed by all. Bill’s family and friends will be gathering at Bentley Village, 370 Classic Court, Naples, from 4 to 5 PM on Saturday, September 3rd to celebrate his life.

Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Fort Myers Memorial Gardens Funeral Home, 1589 Colonial Blvd., Fort Myers, FL 33907, 239-936-0555. Online condolences may be made at: www.fortmyersmemorial.com.