ROANOKE, Va. - Virginia Mae "Skeeter" Porter, 83, of Roanoke, Va., formerly of Virginia Beach, Va.,
died Wednesday, June 15, 2005.

She was born in Pittsburg.

She attended Kansas State Teachers' College before enlisting in the Navy in 1942 where she served for
three years as a Wave in the Communications Department as a decoder.

She was a longtime Virginia Beach resident attending Our Savior's Lutheran Church before moving to
Roanoke in the Spring of 2000 to be with her family. While living in Virginia Beach she was an active
member of the Lost Chord Club, a support group for people who have undergone laryngectomies.

She was a member of College Lutheran Church.

She was preceded in death by her retired husband of 30 years, Captain Ebenezer F. Porter. During her
marriage she was a devoted naval officer's wife and active in many of the officers' wives clubs. When her
marriage ended, she pursued legislation to safeguard ex-spouses' military benefits.

Survivors include daughters, E. Kathryn Porter of Tucson, Ariz., and Lindsey Porter Jones of Roanoke; two
grandchildren; and one great-grandson.

A memorial service will be at 11 a.m. Friday, at College Lutheran Church with the Rev. Paul Hendrickson.
A period of visitation will immediately follow at the church. Interment will take place at a later date in
Arlington National Cemetery.

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