

# Capt. George N. Barker Dies in Florida

LITTLETON — Funeral services are being planned for Capt. George N. Barker, USN, (ret.), who died March 22 in Florida. He was 71.

Capt. Barker, who had been a lifelong resident of this town, was vacationing in Florida at the time of his death. He resided with his widow, Mrs. Priscilla (Clapp) Barker on King street, and operated a farm here since 1917.

Capt. Barker was a member of the class of 1907 at the Naval academy at Annapolis, Md. and served in both World War I and II. During World War I he commanded the destroyers Nicholson and Drayton and later the USS Mahan and the cruiser Houston. He was awarded the Navy Cross as a result of his service during World War I.

He was retired in 1941 but was recalled to the active list at the outbreak of World War II and served until 1946 when he returned to civilian life. His Navy service included two tours of duty at Harvard university, where he was professor of naval science and tactics. He was also a past director of the Mass. Fruit Growers association.

Besides his widow, he is survived by a daughter, Mrs. Louise B. Fred of Boston; and a son, Commander Jonathan A. Barker, USN, stationed at the Mare Island Naval shipyard at Vallejo, Calif.

