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John Amos Stillwell died peacefully at home on Friday, February 27, 2015 at the age of 88. He was born in Quincy, Illinois, on October 3, 1926. He attended Woodberry Forest School, graduating in 1944 and enlisting in the Navy. He entered Williams College after World War II, graduating in 1949 as a three sport athlete, president of his class, and member of the Honor Committee and Saint Anthony Hall. He was recalled to the Navy in Korea in 1950. On June 18, 1955, he married Grace Miller, the love of his life and wife of almost 60 years. In 1957, he returned to Woodberry where he served for over 30 years as an English teacher, coach, Director of Admissions, Academic Dean, and Assistant Headmaster. His favorite role was teaching 9th grade English. While teaching, he earned an MA in English from UVA. He retired from Woodberry in 1990, later served on the school's Board of Trustees, and was honored with the Distinguished Service Award and the J. Carter Walker Award.He also supported a number of other schools and organizations. He served as a teacher at Tandem School, St. Anne's-Belfield School, the ABC Program, and as an ESL tutor. He also served as a trustee for St. Anne's–Belfield, Grymes Memorial School, the SSAT Board, and the Offender Aid and Restoration Board. In his work, he exhibited an abiding sense of fairness and social justice and was a man of deep faith, an unassuming gentleman who saw the best in others. He loved his dogs and was loved by many.He is survived by his wife; his sons, Richard Newcomb of Boston, Massachusetts, John Brison of Traverse City, Michigan, and Charles Miller of Richmond, their wives, and 10 grandchildren.A Memorial service will be held at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Ivy, Virginia, on Tuesday, March 3, 2015 at 3:00 p.m.Memorial contributions may be made to the Woodberry Forest School Scholarship Fund or to the Alzheimer's Association - Central and Western Virginia Chapter.Condolences may be sent to the family at www.hillandwood.com