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Bereavement Announcement

Mr. Wilbur Kindle Lewis



Mr. Wilbur Kindle Lewis, age 92, died peacefully at home surrounded by family on November 10, 2016. He was born in Oxford, Ohio to Marion and Margaret (Bedenbaugh) Lewis. Wilbur started his undergraduate education in Ohio at Miami University, but put his education on hold to enlist in the military in 1943. He proudly served as a Montford Point Marine in World War II, stationed in the South Pacific. In 2012, he was awarded the Congressional Gold Medal for his



service to our country. After resuming his college education, he met and married fellow college student Isabel in 1947. They graduated in 1951 and he moved his family to MN in 1954. In Minneapolis, he attended graduate school at the U of MN, and began his teaching career in the Minneapolis School District at Marshall High School followed by work at Edison, Washburn, Central, Roosevelt High and Northeast Junior High as an Assistant Principal. Wilbur took an early retirement in 1981, but his quest to continue learning led him to acquiring licensure in real estate and as a broker after he and Isabel moved to AZ in 1989. Wilbur led his life by example, with conviction, determination and dignity. His range and depth of knowledge were unsurpassed. Devotion to family was paramount. As we all will miss him dearly, we know that his life and spirit will be carried on through his family and those whose lives he affected. Preceded in death by his beloved wife, Catherine Isabel (Cheeks) Lewis, and daughters Myla Katherine (Lewis) Collins and Debra Anne Lewis. Survived by children Gail Lewis-Miller, Mark (Kim) Lewis, Ken (Alison) Lewis, Ron Lewis, niece Anita Lewis, 11 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren. Funeral services will be held at St. Mark's United Church of Christ (8630 Xerxes Ave. S., Bloomington) on December 10 at 11 a.m. Visitation will be held at 10 a.m. and a luncheon will follow. A service will also be held on January 14 at Desert Garden UCC Church in Sun City West, AZ followed by a private interment. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be given to St. Mark's UCC, Desert Garden UCC or American Cancer Society.

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