



Wylie Jones Childs

February 25, 1922 - January 18, 2019

Wylie Jones Childs, 96 years old and resident of Scappoose, OR, died peacefully on 18 January, 2019.

Born 25 February 1922 in Columbia, SC, son of Richard Austin and Reaux Jones Childs, his family moved to Flushing, in metropolitan New York City, where Wylie graduated from Bayside high school as president of his class. At Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in Troy, NY, he earned bachelor (1943), masters (1945) and doctorate (1948) degrees in metallurgical engineering. His academic career began at Massachusetts Institute of Technology as a research metallurgist (1948) followed by appointment as professor and department head at Lafayette College, Easton PA (1949). In 1957 he returned to Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute as professor of metallurgical engineering and in 1959 was awarded a National Science Foundation fellowship at the University Birmingham, England. After concluding his academic career, Wylie moved to San Jose, CA as Principal Engineer, nuclear energy division, at General Electric (1976). In 1980, he joined the Electric Power Research Institute, in Palo Alto, CA, as Manager, Metallurgy and Welding Projects, until he retired in 1994. He served as Chairman of the Board for the Welding Research Council (1990 - 1993).

A man of strong faith and prayer, Wylie married Bonnie June Carmin in 1983 at the Menlo Park Presbyterian Church where he served for thirty years as an active member, deacon and elder. Deeply loved by his family, Wylie is survived by his wife Bonnie Childs, his daughter Rebecca Fowler, his older brother Richard Austin Childs, nieces and nephews in the Midwest and East, and a large extended family nearby in Oregon, where he most recently lived, who will miss his warm smile and lively wit.

The memorial service will be Saturday, 2 February, 10.30am, at Plymouth Presbyterian Church, St. Helens OR. Contributions in memory of Wylie Childs may be made to Plymouth Presbyterian Church.

Events

FEB **Celebration of Life** 10:30AM

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Plymouth Presbyterian Church
2615 Sykes Road, St. Helens, OR, US

Comments



“ Springtime Wishes was purchased for the family of Wylie Jones Childs.



February 01 at 04:38 PM



“ Linda & Larry purchased the Healing Tears - Blue and White for the family of Wylie Jones Childs.



Linda & Larry - February 01 at 10:47 AM



“ Dearest Bonnie and Family,

There are so many fond memories I have of Wylie. When we were both at EPRI, we traveled together many times as part of a large international program. I was a relative “youngster” and very inexperienced at project management in those days. Wylie and I traveled together many times and I learned much from him during that time. The most important thing I learned was to trust people to do their best and give them the freedom and the resources to get the job done. Micro-management is not really a good thing when one expects creativity.

As you know, twenty nine (29) years ago I had the good fortune of meeting Linda on a plane and the rest is history. We were married in a church in Palo Alto and you and Wylie attended the ceremony. It was a small wedding, but the event was concluded by a wonderful reception in your home. That was so very gracious of you both and Linda and I will always remember your kindness and generosity. We were invited to your home for dinner several time after that and for that we are very thankful. Linda always talks about how welcoming you and Wylie were to her when she arrived from England, and she remembers fondly Wylie’s wry sense of humor!

There is really isn’t very much that friends can say or do, except to extend their sympathy to you for your loss. The world has lost a very wonderful and kind man and we are extremely pleased and thankful for having both you and Wylie in our lives.

With sympathy,

Larry and Linda

Linda & Larry Nelson - February 01 at 10:41 AM



“ Peaceful Wishes was purchased for the family of Wylie Jones Childs.



January 31 at 12:39 PM



“ My parents, Pete and Lynn Nunn, were very fond of Wiley. They were so happy for Bonnie when she married him; they were delighted she had found a charming gentleman with whom to share her life. He was a lovely gentleman, kind and generous. I am so sorry for your loss, Bonnie.

Cecelia Nunn Haack - January 26 at 09:48 PM



“ Bonnie, Rebecca, Bev, Carmen and family,
I was honored to get to know Wylie and your family during his brief stay at Good Samaritan Medical Center. I was impressed by Bonnie's description of Wylie as "a man of prayer," and I felt grateful to hold his hand and pray with him in my role as a chaplain. Wylie always had a warm and dapper scarf around his neck, and he was almost always accompanied by someone who loved him. You all did a beautiful job keeping vigil and making compassionate choices for Wylie during his last few days.

When I sang classic hymns like "Great Is Thy Faithfulness," "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing," and "I Am The Bread of Life," it seemed to me that Wylie showed signs of recognition by moving a hand or twitching a lip or opening an eye.

I'm sorry that I will be out of town on 2/2, and I wish all of you God's blessing in your grief; that God will be your companion through it and that you will meet Wylie in unexpected places within and beyond it.

Love and peace to you,
Chaplain Jennifer

Jennifer Creswell - January 25 at 07:49 PM