

Donald Brown Keffer

October 1, 1927 – August 12, 2013

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Donald Brown Keffer, 85, of Winchester, Ky., died Monday, August 12, 2013 in the UK Medical Center in Lexington, with family and friends at his side.

Don was born October 1, 1927, in Hinton, WV. to the late Robert Earl and Sallie Kate Keffer, the 10th of 11 children. He was preceded in death by parents, brothers: Herbert, Harlow and Robert T; sisters: Mildred, Litsinger, Imogene Keffer, Nadine Keffer, Frances Topping Wilfong and Betty Jo Starbuck.

He is survived by his wife of 55 years, Nancy Keffer, sons: Jim Keffer and wife (Amy), and children: Ben, Kelly, and Brittany of Brentwood, TN; Joe Keffer and wife (Donna), children: Michael, Christopher, Andrew and two great-grandchildren; of Lawrenceburg, Ky; daughter, Missy and her daughter Salliekate, of Monroe, GA. He is also survived by one brother, Ross Keffer, of Winter Haven, FL; one sister, Norma Schrader Sullivan of Hinton, and one sister-in-law, Mary Jane McDermott of PA, and many nieces and nephews.

Don was baptized at an early age in the First Christian Church of Hinton, where he sang in the choir. He was a member of the First Presbyterian Church in Winchester, where he served as an elder.

Don played basketball for Hinton High School where he graduated, class of 1946. He served with the U.S. Army Occupation Forces in northern Italy following World War II.

After 37 years of employment with Codell Constructions Co., he retired as a superintendent, and quickly became involved in community service in Winchester and Lexington. A Kentucky Colonel, he was active in the Lion's club of Winchester, serving four years as president. He delivered Meals on Wheels with the Generations Center, and ushered at the Keene Land Race Track during the fall and spring racing.

In the words of his daughter, "He was a favorite and Loyal Friend to all who knew him, the most fun golf partner, the best dancer in the world, could harmonize to any song, had solid opinions on life and love, and was the funniest human being we've ever known! He will be sorely missed, but his life will be celebrated in all ways."

Don's body was cremated, and a memorial service will be held at a later date.