



Dr. William L. Wright

August 14, 1930 - December 5, 2007

Dr. William L. Wright, of Fishers and formerly of Greenfield, passed away peacefully on December 5, 2007 at St. Vincent Hospice. Dr. Wright was born August 14, 1930, in Darbyville, OH, the son of William D. and Rose Fullen Wright. A graduate of Mt. Sterling High School, Dr. Wright received his BS degree from Ohio University before serving his country as a captain in the United States Air Force in Korea and Japan. He returned to Ohio University to complete his master's degree before joining Dow Chemical Company in Texas as a research scientist. Dr. Wright joined Eli Lilly and Company in 1958, beginning his career as a biochemist at the Greenfield plant. He received his PhD in plant physiology from Purdue University while working full time for Lilly. He served the company he loved for 30 years including several years as director of regulatory services and as director of government affairs in Washington DC. His work allowed him to travel all over the world including extensive time in the Far East. During his Lilly career, Dr. Wright was awarded several patents and was instrumental in representing the company in its work with the Environmental Protection Agency and Congress. He is survived by his loving wife of 55 years, Anita Wendt Wright, three children, Kimberly (Paul) Mannweiler, Indianapolis, Scott (Karen) Wright, Laurelville Ohio, and Wendy (Kursad) Oguz, Carmel. In addition he was the doting grandfather of six, Jordan (Devon) McDonald, Hilary Heniser, Chase Sanders, Hunter Heniser, and Caleb and Emily Wright. Additional survivors include his sister, Helen (Richard) Mitchell, Springfield, OH, two nieces and a nephew. The family will

receive visitors at Shirley Brothers Fishers-Castleton Chapel, 9900 Allisonville Road on Sunday, December 9, 2007 from 1:00 to 4:00 PM. Private entombment is scheduled at Washington Park East Cemetery. In lieu of flowers the family requests donations be made to the Purdue University Foundation, College of Agriculture or the Indianapolis Zoo.