



John Scribner Welles

March 3, 1924 - March 16, 2015

John Scribner Welles, 90, a resident of the Towne House Retirement Community, Fort Wayne, Indiana, died December 27, 2014. He was born and raised in Rosendale, Wisconsin. Before graduating from the University of Wisconsin, he served his country in the United States Navy during World War II at the Naval Ordnance Laboratory in Washington, D.C. John lived for over 60 years in Indianapolis. He was employed for 38 years at Eli Lilly & Company as a toxicologist and clinical investigator at both the McCarty Street and Greenfield, Indiana locations. John was very active in his faith community, as a member of the United Church of Christ at First Congregational UCC, Northeast UCC and St. John's UCC all in Indianapolis.

John was a volunteer at the Altenheim Retirement Community and resided there until 2012. For many years he was heavily involved in denominational affairs, in the Indiana-Kentucky Conference of the UCC and at the national level, as a board member of Homeland Ministries. He also served as a board member of the Fort Wayne Children's Home (now Crossroad Child & Family Services). John is preceded in death by his parents, Merritt Lyman Welles and Jessie Scribner Welles; brothers, Theodore and Carlyle; and sister, Frances Durand. He is survived by his wife of 66 years, Frances Culbertson Welles; and his four children, Gordon (Nan) Welles, Carol (Mike) Glotfelter, Larry (Steffany) Welles and Brian (Sheree) Welles; 15 grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

A Celebration of Life service will be held Saturday, March 28, 2015 at 11:00 a.m. at St. John's United Church of Christ, 7031 S. East Street, Indianapolis, IN 46227. Friends may call one hour prior to the service. Memorial donations may be made to the Frances and John Welles Science Scholarship Fund, Fond du Lac Area Foundation, 384 N. Main St., Fond du Lac, WI 54935. Arrangements are entrusted to Shirley Brothers Washington Memorial Chapel.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 28. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St. John's United Church of Christ
Indianapolis, IN 46227

Celebration of Life

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Tribute Wall

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“ Thank you Grandpa for always sharing your good humor! I'm upset to lose you but also grateful to count myself a better person from knowing you. I will treasure the memories with you and your priceless life lessons!

Alyssa Farmer - December 30, 2014 at 11:01 PM

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“ My father John was not famous in the general way, but famously loving, funny, vulnerable, principled and loyal in a way that made him famous to all who were privileged to have crossed his path during his 90 years with us.

Dad, you are with us in our hearts forever.

Gordon. Welles

Gordon Welles - December 30, 2014 at 10:50 AM