



## Ted M. Sowders Sr.

July 11, 1920 - January 8, 2016

Ted M. Sowders, Sr.,

95, of Indianapolis, passed away January 8, 2016. He was born July 11, 1920 to the late James M. and Elizabeth M. Fowler Sowders. Ted graduated from Tech High School in 1938 and proudly served his country in the U.S. Navy during WWII. He attended the University of Chicago where he was a member of the Phi Kappa Sigma Fraternity, received his B.S. from Butler University, and his Masters degree from Purdue University.

Ted married Bettie B. Lightner, and was employed as a project manager for the Allison Division of General Motors for 34 years, and then as an Air Pollution Engineer for the State of Indiana for 10 years. He was a 91 year member of Woodruff Place Baptist Church, a past Scoutmaster of BSA Troop 190, and a Commissioner of BSA Crossroads of America Pioneer District for 30 years.

Visitation will be Tuesday, January 12, 2016 from 4:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. at Shirley Brothers Washington Memorial Chapel, 9606 E. Washington St.

Funeral services will be held Wednesday at 11:00 a.m. at Woodruff Place Baptist Church, 1739 E. Michigan St. with visitation one hour prior to service.

Ted is survived by his children, Ted M. Sowders, Jr. (Terrie), Phillip L. Sowders and Diana Marchitelli (Ron); and five grandchildren. Ted's wife, Bettie Sowders; and a granddaughter, Jennifer Sowders, preceded him in death.

# Cemetery Details

## Oaklawn Memorial Gardens

9700 Allisonville Rd.  
Indianapolis, IN

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 12. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Shirley Brothers Washington Memorial Chapel  
9606 E. Washington Street  
Indianapolis, IN 46229  
(317) 897-9606  
<https://shirleybrothers.com/>

## Funeral Service

JAN 13. 11:00 AM (ET)

Woodruff Place Baptist Church  
Indianapolis, IN 46203

# Tribute Wall



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**Shirley Brothers Mortuaries & Crematory** - January 13, 2016 at 11:00 AM



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