



## Clarence William "Rows" Rowsey, Jr.

October 16, 2008

Clarence William "Rows" Rowsey, Jr., age 84, of Hamilton, died Thursday, October 16, 2008 surrounded by family at Berkeley Retirement Community. He was born in Lockhaven, Pennsylvania on November 23, 1923, the son of the late Clarence and Marie Rowsey and moved to Hamilton, Ohio as an infant. He graduated from Hamilton High School in 1942. He served in the U.S. Army from January 1943 to January 1946. On October 20, 1945, he married his wife of nearly 63 years Colleen Young in Hamilton, Ohio. He received a B.S. in Commerce from the University of Cincinnati in 1960. Rows was associated in the field of Human Resource and Development with the Hamilton Foundry, National Lead Company of Ohio, Mosler, Mead Containers of Cincinnati, and as Corporate Director of Human Resources for the Mead Corporation in Dayton, Ohio. In 1973 he established his own consulting business, Rowsey & Associates and served many companies in the Tri State area. In addition to heading his own consulting firm, he was Director of Human Resource Management for Hamilton Sorter Company. Rows was among the first in the U.S. to receive professional distinction as an Accredited Personnel Diplomat. In 1990, Rows and his good friend Dick Schutte established a new personnel company, ExperiTemps in Fairfield, Ohio where he worked until he retired in 2006. Rows was active in Hamilton civic associations for a number of years, serving on Boards of Family Service, Lane Public Library, Hamilton Safety Council, YMCA trustees, and Hamilton Boys Club. He served as President of the Butler County Area Personnel Association, member of

National Society for Human Resource Management, State College Relations Coordinator, Ohio Council SHRM, and The United Way of Hamilton/Fairfield area. He was an active member of The Greater Hamilton Area Chamber of Commerce, a top producer for the Pacesetters, and a part of The Chamber of Commerce Membership Committee. He led Leadership Seminars twice a year sponsored by the Hamilton Chamber of Commerce affecting many managers and supervisors in this capacity. In 2006, Rows was added to The Fairfield Chamber of Commerce Wall of Fame for his work at ExperiTemps. Rows was a tennis enthusiast playing with his "Wild Bunch" at Riverside Racket Club until 2006. Rows loved playing bingo and shuffleboard with his friends at Berkeley. He loved the Ohio State Buckeyes and spent most Saturdays, when he couldn't be at the game, rooting them on with his family including his granddaughter's husband, Kevin. He was a member of the First United Methodist Church and a past member of Rotary and the Elks. Rows leaves his devoted wife Colleen (Young) Rowsey, his loving and dedicated daughter Susan Rowsey Damm, two granddaughters Sara (Kevin) Holstein and Sally Damm, adored great-grandson Adam Holstein, sister Donna (Robert) Prewitt, sister-in-law Mary Ann Rowsey of Colorado, sister-in-law Donna (Ralph) Carruthers, nieces Pat Weaver of Oklahoma, Debbie Bean, Pam Stanifer, and special niece Sara Carruthers, nephews Steve Rowsey and Jeff Prewitt of Florida, great-nieces Holly Quinlan and Elizabeth Carruthers, great-nephew Ralph Rogan Carruthers II, special friends William and Barbara Copeland, Joel and Marilyn Schmidt, and Pauline Schwitalski, and a wide circle of friends and business acquaintances. He was preceded in death by his parents Clarence and Marie Rowsey, sister Mildred Rowsey, brother Melvin Rowsey, and nephew Brian Prewitt. Funeral services will be held at Weigel Funeral Home, 980 NW Washington Blvd., Hamilton, on Saturday, October 18, 2008 at 2:00pm with Pastor Grant Montgomery officiating. Private burial will follow at Rose Hill Burial Park. Visitation will be held immediately preceding the funeral services from 12:00pm to 2:00 pm. The family would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to all the staff at Berkeley Retirement