



Dr. Eldon Lee Wiley (Keppler)

September 8, 2008

Dr. Eldon Lee Wiley (Keppler) born to Frank and Nell Barnes Keppler on May 17, 1926 in Darrrtown, Ohio. Following the death of his parents, Eldon (Sam) was adopted by his aunt and uncle, William and Pauline Wiley. Eldon graduated from Hanover High School and was drafted into the Navy where he served as Radioman 3rd Class on the U.S. S. Kidd from 1944-46 in the Pacific Theater. Upon his honorable discharge, he returned to Ohio and married his high school sweetheart, Kathleen Carol Irwin on December 21, 1946 at the Millville Federated Church. Eldon enrolled in Miami University where he received both his Bachelor and Masters Degrees in Education. He began his teaching career in the Reily School System. His focus shifted to administration and he served as superintendent of the Kingston, Bradford and the Ripley-Union Lewis School Districts. Eldon earned his Ph.D. in Educational Administration from The Ohio State University. In 1964 he joined the faculty of Miami University in Educational Leadership and retired as full professor from Miami in 1991 after 27 years of service. Eldon and Kathleen are the parents of two children; Dr. Dean L. Wiley (Dr. Lea Stern) and Rev. Pamela C. Cook (Thurl Cook); five grandchildren, Michelle Piper, Jennifer Bennett, Kristen Wiley (Jim Harrison), Laura Gorski (Dennis) and Christopher Bennett; four great-grandchildren, Alexandra, Megan, Lauren and Braden. He was preceded in death by his parents; his brothers, John, Harold and Paul Keppler and Raymond Wiley; son, Dean and grandson, Christopher. He is also survived by nephew Charles Keppler (Marcia), niece, Linda (Keppler) Vires

(Ted) and numerous other family members and friends. Funeral Service will be held Friday, September 12, 2008 at 11:00 a.m. at Weigel Funeral Home, 980 NW Washington Blvd. with Rev. Allen Minor officiating. Visitation will be Friday from 10 until time of service. Burial will be in Darrtown Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Faith United Church of Christ, 1877 Millville Road, Hamilton, OH 45013 or the Berkeley Square Life Care, 100 Berkeley Drive, Hamilton, OH 45013.