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William Farquhar Obituary

William K. Farquhar On September 10, 2017, William K. Farquhar of Oberlin, Ohio, passed away at 96 years of age. Bill was born August 23, 1921 in Cleveland, Ohio to Thomas J. and Katherine Kilmer Farquhar. He and his family lived in Cleveland Heights. As a member of the Boy Scouts, Bill achieved the rank of Eagle Scout. During the depression, Bill's family briefly relocated to Rye, New York, where he graduated from Rye High School in 1939. That same year, Bill enrolled in Oberlin College, the alma mater of both of his parents. He graduated early from Oberlin with a degree in English as a member of the Class of 1943, the first accelerated class to provide personnel for the war effort. Bill enlisted in the U.S. Army, where, after Officers' Training School, he was sent to Europe. Bill served in the 100th Division as a combat infantry medic. As a Captain, Bill received an Honorable Discharge in 1947. He was awarded both a Purple Heart and a Bronze Star. After the war, Bill worked for the Crane Supply Company in Akron, although his heart was in Oberlin. It was during a visit with friends at Oberlin College that he met and fell in love with Leslie Anne Candor. They were married November 18, 1950. Together, they raised a grateful family, Lorraine Farquhar (Michael Campbell) of Ardmore, PA; W. Thomas Farquhar (Christine Mackey Farquhar) of Bexley, Ohio; and Robert C. Farquhar (Marianne Schlicterle Farquhar) of Elyria, Ohio. In 1963, Bill and Leslie moved to Oberlin, Ohio and never left, after having previously lived in Akron, Cleveland Heights, Chicago and Louisville. Bill began work at the Gasflux Company in Elyria, Ohio, eventually becoming President and Chairman of the Board. In 1999, after living in two great homes in Oberlin, Bill and Leslie moved to Kendal at Oberlin, a retirement community and continuing care center, Leslie, his wife and great travel partner, passed away in 2009. Bill's many interests included photography, surf fishing, hiking on the Appalachian Trail, camping, model ship building, NYT



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crossword puzzles, Big Band and classical music, reading, travel, and spending time with family and friends, especially Nancy Gray of Oberlin, Ohio. In the months before his death, Bill reflected much on his life and said in summation, "My greatest accomplishment was my family." In addition to his three children, Bill is survived by six grandchildren who he loved dearly: Justin Ettinger of Amsterdam, Netherlands; W. Mackey Farquhar of Columbus, Ohio; Thomas J. Farquhar (Rachel Scholtz Farquhar) of Lakewood, Ohio; Robert A. Farquhar of Columbus, Ohio; Kaitlin Farquhar Arbogast (Justin Arbogast) of North Ridgeville, Ohio; and R. Alexander Farquhar of Portland, OR. Bill was predeceased by his parents, Thomas J. and Katharine Kilmer Farquhar; his sister, Mary Farquhar Dipman; and his wife, Leslie Candor Farquhar. There will be a celebration of Bill's life at 11:00 AM Saturday November 25, 2017 at The First Church in Oberlin with a reception immediately following. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Bill's memory to the Army Emergency Relief Fund (see specific donation details online at www.aerhq.org) or to the Kendal at Oberlin Charitable Giving (Resident Assistance Fund). Arrangements are in the care of Dicken Funeral Home & Cremation Service. SERVICES Memorial Service Saturday, November 25, 2017 11:00 AM The First Church In Oberlin 106 North Main Street Oberlin, Ohio 44074

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Kristopher T Kern posted:

To all the Farquhars: Passing of a great man who gave so much opportunity to many. We are eternally grateful. Kris Kern and family

September 21 at 8:00 PM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring William by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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