

William H. Scrivner

William H. Scrivner, age 89, died May 3, 2009 in Milwaukee. Born in Topeka, Kansas, Bill was the son of Guy and Florence Scrivner. Bill was predeceased by his wife of 64 years, Jane Gehrz Scrivner, and by his brother Guy Scrivner.

Bill attended Shorewood High School. He graduated from Northwestern University with a BA and MS, and was a member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon. In November 1942, Bill married Jane. Bill served as a naval supply officer in the South Pacific until his discharge from the Navy in 1945.

Following World War II, Bill and Jane moved to Madison, where Bill became the Advertising Manager for the Wisconsin State Journal and the Capital Times for nearly 30 years. Bill served as the President of the International Newspaper Advertising Executives, as well as a founding member and President of the Madison Advertising Club.

Bill was active in the Madison community for many years. He was a member of Grace Episcopal Church, where he chaired a building drive and then served as senior warden. Bill was a member for over 50 years of Rotary International in Madison, where he served as President of the Downtown Club. He was also a Rotary member in Hayward and Oshkosh. He was a member of the Madison Club and Blackhawk Country Club.

In 1976, Bill retired from the Madison Newspapers and joined the journalism faculty of the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh, where he taught for 15 years. Jane and Bill lived in Oshkosh until they returned to Milwaukee six years ago. For many years, Bill and Jane spent summers at their home in Hayward, where Bill patiently fished with each of his four grandchildren, and planted and nurtured many pine seedlings, which now tower over Lost Land Lake.

Throughout his long and happy life, Bill's love and energy centered on his family. Jane and Bill had three sons, James and his wife, Eileen of Brooklyn, WI; Thomas and his wife, Meredith of Whitefish Bay, WI; and Douglas and his wife, Mary of Los Altos Hills, California. Bill's grandchildren include Marc Scrivner and his wife Rebekah of Wolf Point, Montana; Bradley Scrivner and his wife Rachel of Mount Horeb, WI and their children Clint, Skylar and Lane; and Allison and David Scrivner of Whitefish Bay, WI. Bill is also survived by six nieces and nephews who are the children of Jane's brother Robert, and their 18 children, as well as Bill's sister-in-law Elizabeth Scrivner and her daughter Barbara Scrivner, both of Scottsdale, Arizona.

Funeral services will be held at 2:30 p.m. TODAY, Wednesday, May 6 at Grace Episcopal Church, 116 W. Washington Avenue, Madison, WI 53703. Private interment will follow. The family will greet friends at the church at 1 p.m. Memorials may be made to Grace Episcopal Church or a charity of the donor's choice.

The family would like to thank the caregivers of Stowell Associates/Select Staff who have helped Bill maintain his independence in recent years, as well as Mary Lu Karabon, Director of the Water Tower Apartments at Eastcastle Place.

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