

Dwight Wylie King, 91

June 14, 1921 - May 20, 2013

HANCOCK — Dwight Wylie King was born on June 14, 1921 to John Wesley King and Mary Jane (Hardy) King in Hancock. He graduated from high school in Hancock. He then went on to get his Bachelor of Arts degree at Simpson College in Indianola where he was part of the Alpha Tau Omega Fraternity. He was accepted to law school at Northwestern College in Chicago in 1942 and at the same time he was called to serve in the United States Navy. While in the Navy, he attended officers school in Chicago. He was sent to San Francisco to serve on the shore patrol of WWII until his honorable discharge.



While in Chicago, Wylie met Grace Fredrickson and they were married on January 12, 1944 in Chicago, IL. To this union three children were born: Mary Grace, Rebecca, and David. As a young married couple they often skied at Yosemite National Park with the artist Ansel Adams. At the end of his Navy service, Grace and Wylie moved with their baby back to the farm in Hancock. Wylie farmed for 45 years and he served in many organizations. He was a Mason, a Shriner, a leader in the Methodist Youth Group, and a leader in boys 4-H. He ran for political office several times, served on many national campaigns as chairman of committees, and he was appointed Pottawattamie County Treasurer. Politics was a very important part of his life. Wylie served on the Board of Trustees for the Herbert Hoover Presidential Library and Museum in West Branch, Iowa. Along with his wife Grace, he served as a volunteer at Jennie Edmundson Hospital and was a former member and trustee of the Hancock United Methodist Church. Wylie died on May 20, 2013 in Denver, CO having attained the age of 91 years, 11 months, and 6 days.

Wylie was preceded in death by his parents, his wife Grace, and his siblings Wendall, Dorothy and Muriel. He is survived by his children: Mary Grace and her husband Calvin McMurray of Deer Mountain, UT; Rebecca and her husband George Dreman of Denver, CO; and David King and his wife Debbie of Denver, CO; six grandchildren, four great grandchildren, other relatives and many friends.

Commander Mark R. Myers, United States Navy, officiated the 11:00 a.m. graveside service with military rites on Saturday, June 8,

2013 at Oak Hill Cemetery in Hancock. Honorary casket bearers were: Don Scheffler, Bob Jacobsen, Joe Hoover and Kenneth Martin. Military rites were conducted by the Fred Funston American Legion Post No. 227, Hancock American Legion Post No. 720, and the US Navy.

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