

Wilfred Macaulay, Jr., 61

Oct. 12, 1944 - Nov. 24, 2005

OMAHA, NE — Wilfred Marmaud Macaulay, Jr. was born Oct. 12, 1944, to Wilfred, Sr. and Marie (DesChenes) Macaulay, in Philadelphia, PA. They moved to Alexandria, VA and there they lived during his preschool years. Since they were a military family they moved frequently during his growing up years. After graduating from high school, Mac joined the Air Force and was stationed at Edwards Air Force Base in California for four years.

Wilfred met his wife, Rita Zimmerman, in St. David, AZ in 1977, and they were married at St. Boniface Church in Westphalia Oct. 28, 1978. They resided in Omaha all their married life. Mac earned his degree at the University of Nebraska at Omaha in philosophy. He worked as Librarian at St. Thomas More for 15 years. Rita and Mac adopted two daughters from Korea, Leah and Aimee, who are 19 and 20 years old. He served his country during the Vietnam Conflict. Jan. 1, 1996, Mac learned that he suffered from polycystic kidney disease and needed to go on dialysis resulting in his needing to retire from his librarian position. Although he struggled with many health issues through the years, he was always faithful in helping with the Montessori Learning Home, a business that he and his wife ran. His position there was food service and maintenance. After a two week stay in Clarkson Hospital and due to many health complications, he died Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 24, 2005, at age 61 years, one month and 12 days.

Mac is preceded in death by his parents. Survivors include his wife, Rita; daughters, Leah Macaulay and Aimee Macaulay of Omaha; his father and mother-in-law, Barney and Valerie Zimmerman, Westphalia; one brother, Chris; and other relatives.

Funeral Mass of the Resurrection was held Nov. 29, 2005, at St. John's Church Creighton University, Omaha, NE. Father Bert Thelen and Deacons Alan Schumacher and Marty Smith officiating. Casket bearers were Rae Zimmerman, John Zimmerman, Paul Zimmerman, Phil Zimmerman, Mark Koesters and Brad Zimmerman. Burial was in the Evergreen Memorial Cemetery, Omaha, NE. Bethany Funeral Home in La Vista, NE, in charge of arrangements.