



Donald Irwin Sr.

August 14, 1931 - November 30, 2016

Donald Barr Irwin, Sr. passed away at his home in Carolina Trace, Sanford, NC on November 30, 2016. Don made his career in accounting. He began as an accountant at Maxwell Paper in Franklin, OH and then worked as Comptroller for the St. Regis Paper Company for the plants in Franklin, Dayton, and Columbus, OH. In 1971, he was transferred to the St. Regis plant in Rhinelander, Wisconsin and remained with the company until it was sold to Wausau Paper. In 1980, he moved with his wife, Wilma, to Tifton, Georgia where he worked as the administrative manager for Wells Aluminum. After retiring from Wells, he and Wilma moved to Hendersonville, NC and in 2004 moved to Carolina Trace in Sanford, NC.

Don loved jazz music and played tenor and alto sax for more than 25 years in small jazz groups. He was known for his quick wit, keen mind and skills at the card table, frequently winning at bridge and cribbage. He was a loving father and husband and provided a happy and supportive home for his family. He is survived by his wife of 64 years, Wilma Irwin; 4 children, Donald B. Irwin, II and David Irwin of Madison, WI; Gary R. Irwin of Naples, FL; and Leslie Irwin-Stewart of Pittsboro, NC; a son-in-law, Doug Stewart of Pittsboro, NC; and a daughter-in-law, Marina Irwin of Naples, FL; 4 grandchildren, Daniel Irwin of Los Angeles, CA; Julian Irwin of Madison, WI; Nicholas Irwin of New York City, NY and Indy Irwin of Madison, WI.

The family would like to thank Dr. Jill Lambert, the physicians and staff of the oncology inpatient unit at Moore Regional Hospital, and the staff of Liberty

Hospice for their loving care and compassion. They would also like to thank their friends for their invaluable help and support.

A celebration of Don's life was held at the family home prior to his death. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to the Lung Cancer Alliance at lungcanceralliance.org.

Tribute Wall



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October 09, 2023 at 04:46 AM



“ Donald Irwin Sr.

October 08, 2023 at 11:29 AM



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