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“remembering Bud, always there, always involved”



Bud Wulff passed away on Tuesday, January 5, 2010 after a long battle with cancer at the Adventist Hospital in Hinsdale. Bud, who was 87, was born to life in Oak Park on April 4, 1922.

He was married to Betty, who most of us MCA members knew as the delightful outgoing member of their partnership, for 59 years. The two of them always sparkled at many of the MCA social events.

Bud was an unrelenting supporter and founding member of the MCA. Every time he was called upon, whether it would be for the golf outing or chairing a committee, he was there. He was always a willing participant during board meetings and never hesitant to let his thoughts be known on an issue. His input will surely be missed.

There was a lot about Bud that many of us were probably not aware of. After retiring from Nicor, where he was an engineer for 39 years, he still remained very active. He was never satisfied with just being an observer, he always was happier remaining a participant. He would not be denied. Three weeks prior to his death he participated in the annual MCA Christmas dinner. He was not only a very active member of the MCA, but also was very active within his own community. He served on the Board of Trustees for the Village of Hinsdale for a number of years and was a past president of the local Rotary Club. He was also a former director of the Architects Club of Chicago and a Vice-President of the Illinois Society of Professional Engineers (ISPE). While active in the Naval Reserve, he received numerous honors and led many groups, such as being former president of the local Navy League, Naval Order, and Naval Reserve Association.

Apparently, Bud was an avid railroad enthusiast too. There were recollections at his service of him standing on the train platform in Hinsdale waiting for the passing of a vintage steam locomotive on the old Burlington route. Yet, with all of this going on, he still found time to manage his “Illinois Centennial Farm” in central Illinois.

Bud’s family moved from Oak Park to New Jersey where he graduated from the Peddie School and later went on to attend Northwestern University in Evanston. While attending Northwestern, and after completing two years in the ROTC, in 1944 he joined the Navy and served in the Pacific during World War II, where he served on the USS Guam as an ensign. At the conclusion of the war, he returned to complete his education at Northwestern University by acquiring a BSChE degree. Bud remained in the reserves and again served his country aboard the USS New Jersey during the Korean conflict. Bud retired from the Naval reserves in the late 1970’s as a Captain.

Bud leaves Betty, his wife, his son Capt. Robert “Bob” Wulff, USN/ret. (wife Monica and Bud’s granddaughter Calista Wulff) and William “Bill” Wulff; daughter Elizabeth “Betty Ann” Guidry (husband Guy and Bud’s grandsons MIDN Beau Guidry USNA and Stuart Guidry).

Bud was laid to rest at Pleasant Ridge Cemetery in Newman, IL. on Jan. 9, 2010. The cemetery is across from Capt. Wulff's beloved Illinois Centennial Farm.