



John Justis "Jack" Wilhelm III

November 13, 1925 - March 1, 2017

Born in Philadelphia, PA

Resided in Waverly, IA

Obituary

John Justis "Jack" Wilhelm III, age 91, of Waverly, Iowa, died on March 1, 2017, at Bartels Lutheran Retirement Community in Waverly.

Jack was born on Friday, November 13, 1925, at the Jefferson Hospital in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, the son of John Justis Wilhelm Jr., and Florence E. Esher. Jack attended the Upper Darby High School in Pennsylvania, graduating in 1944. Jack then attended the University of Pennsylvania graduating in 1950 with a Masters in Real Estate and a B.S. in Economics.

On July 6, 1944, Jack enlisted in the United States Navy in Philadelphia. He did his U.S. Naval Training in Great Lakes, Illinois, attended the U.S. Naval Training School (Pre-Mat) in Chicago, Illinois and then attended the U.S. Naval Training School (EE & RM) in Gulf Port, Mississippi. Jack was honorably discharged on August 21, 1945, at Seaman First Class. Following his service, Jack returned home to Pennsylvania and on April 1, 1950, Jack began his career with the Investment Real Estate Department of Equitable Life Assurance Society of the United States. The first 17 years with Equitable were spent in Philadelphia. In 1967, he was promoted to Office Manager in Minneapolis. In the summer of 1973, Jack was transferred to St. Louis as a manager, and in the summer of 1978, transferred to San Francisco as Regional Real Estate Manager. In 1981, Jack was transferred to Los Angeles, as Regional Manager until he retired in 1985. Jack put his whole life into his Real Estate work. When living on the West Coast he would start his day at 4:00 a.m. making phone calls to the home office before they started their meetings.

On May 27, 1987, Jack was united in marriage to Iris M. Oltrogge in the Hollywood Lutheran Church, Los Angeles, California. The couple made their home in Los Angeles, San Francisco and Seattle and also had a condo in Sarasota, Florida.

In 2000, the couple moved to Waverly, making their home at the Eichhorn Haus. Iris died on December 24, 2013 and shortly after her death, Jack moved into the Bartels Lutheran Retirement Community (Woodland Terrace).

Jack was a member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Waverly and was also an associate member of Saint Armands Key Lutheran Church in Sarasota.

Jack is survived by his brother, Theodore Wilhelm of West Grove, Pennsylvania; 3 nieces; Cheryl Kowba of Cochranville, Pennsylvania; Patricia Kaynaroglu of Pennsgrove, New Jersey; and Kim McKeon of Morristown, New Jersey; 6 great nieces and nephews and several sisters-in-law and brothers-in-law. Jack was preceded in death by his parents, his wife, Iris M. (Oltrogge) Wilhelm.

Funeral services will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, April 1, at Good Shepherd

Chapel, Bartels, in Waverly, with Pastor Sandra Burroughs officiating. Burial will be in Harlington Cemetery in Waverly with the Waverly Area Veterans Post giving honors. Public visitation will be held on Saturday, April 1, at Good Shepherd Chapel, Bartels from 9:30 until the time of service.

Memorials may be directed to Bartels Lutheran Retirement Community. Online condolences for Jack's family may be left at www.kaisercorson.com. Kaiser-Corson Funeral Home in Waverly is assisting the family. 319-352-1187

Guestbook



Norman and Carol Herman

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Our deepest sympathy to Jack's family on your great loss! He was a fantastic man! So sorry we may not make the service because of health reasons.

Photos



Services

Visitation

Bartels Good Shepherd Chapel

1922 5th Ave. NW
Waverly, IA US 50677



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Cemetery

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