



Mr. David Leonidas Middleton

September 20, 1921 - September 10, 2013

David L. "Dave" Middleton was born Sep 20, 1921, in Chengchow, Honan, China, to parents Gordon K Middleton and Celia Herring Middleton. The family returned to the States in 1926, and settled in Raleigh, NC.

Dave graduated from NC State in 1942 with a BS degree in General Engineering and shortly thereafter entered the Naval Reserve. He served in WWII as the commanding officer of a minesweeper and was recalled during the Korean War, serving on the staff of the Amphibious Group Commander. Dave retired from the Navy in 1985 with the rank of Commander.

In 1945, Dave married Mildred "Milly" Cain Thornton of Neenah, WI, and began his employment with Kimberly-Clark Corp as Construction Engineer. His career with KC lasted 43 year with positions as Design Engineer, Plant Engineer and finally Engineering Consultant. Dave retired from KC in 1989 after assignments in WI, CA and GA as well as Canada and Australia.

After retirement Dave and Milly enjoyed travel to Japan, Korea, England, Belgium, Germany, Switzerland and Wales, spending several months in many of these locations.

They eventually settled in Asheville in 1997 and into Givens Estates United Methodist Retirement Community in 1999.

Dave is survived by his wife Milly and their two sons David L Middleton and his wife Ginny, Gordon L Middleton and his wife Sally, two granddaughters, Amy and Amanda, great grandson, Rayne, and "Special Daughter" Mary Jane Wiseman of Madison, WI. Also his siblings Beverette Price of Banner Elk, NC, Mary Sue Willis of Fuquay-Varina, NC, Gordon Middleton of Winston-Salem, NC and Celia Nissen of Fullerton, CA.

A memorial service will be held 2:00 PM, Saturday, September 14, 2013 in the Norma F. Pulliam Chapel at Givens Estates.

In lieu of flowers, please send donations to Givens Estate Resident Assistance Ministry, 2360 Sweeten Creek Road, Asheville, NC 28803.

Cemetery Details

Memory Wall at First Presbyterian Church Asheville

40 Church Street
Asheville, NC 28801
<http://www.fpcasheville.org>

Previous Events

Memorial Service

SEP 14. 2:00 PM (ET)

Norma F. Pulliam Chapel in Asbury Commons of Givens Estate
2360 Sweeten Creek Road
Asheville, NC 28803
<http://www.givensestates.org/>

Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. David Leonidas Middleton*

October 07, 2023 at 11:15 AM



“ *I am so sorry for your loss. The Bible provides comfort during these difficult times. Revelation 21:3,4 states "And he will wipe out every tear from their eyes, and death will be no more, neither will mourning nor outcry nor pain be anymore. The former things have passed away". Very soon now, we will never experience losing our loved ones in death. Hope these words give you a new hope.*

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