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Dr. John Wesley Atwood died peacefully at Allen Morgan Health Center on August 2, 2015. He was born on June 19, 1930, the son of Franklin and Myrtle Atwood of Nashville, Tennessee. He leaves his wife, Sue Atwood, his daughter, Leslie Susanne Atwood (Leslie Smith MD) and son, John Wesley Atwood Jr (Christine Rotter Atwood), and five grandchildren: Elizabeth Smith, Ben Smith, John Wesley Atwood III, Andrew Atwood, and Claire Atwood. His boyhood was spent mostly on the golf course, caddying after school. He rapidly became an expert golfer and earned the title of "Schoolboy Champion of Tennessee" at the age of sixteen. He holds the unbroken course record at Shelby Park, won at the age of fifteen. Following his Air Force service, he enrolled in pre-med studies at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville. There he met Sue Culbertson, and the two continued on to get their Doctor of Medicine degrees in Memphis, at the UT College of Medicine. They married soon after graduation. In 1959 the started practicing Family Medicine in Springfield, Tennessee with a satellite office in Greenbrier, Tennessee. Following a ten year stint in General Practice, Wes completed a Residency in Radiology at the University of Florida, Gainesville, where he was chief resident. He and his family then returned to Memphis, where he practiced Radiology at Baptist Hospitals for 25 years. Upon retirement he continued to cultivate his love of golf, gardening, music and family. Wes became a mentor of the English Chamber Orchestra and sailed extensively with the group to performances in the Mediterranean and the Caribbean. He also traveled with the American Horticultural Society to private gardens around the world. He and his wife had wonderful gardens, loved tennis, and enjoyed family trips to ski and golf. His civic service was extensive, including serving as President of the Chamber of Commerce and Rotary Club in Springfield, Tennessee. He and his wife have been long time members at Church of the Holy Communion, Episcopal. He will be remembered for his unflinching optimism, humor, integrity, and



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remarkable generosity given tirelessly to both his patients, family and community. A memorial service and reception will be held in the St. Edward's Chapel at Trezevant Manor Friday August 7, 2015 at 3:30 PM.. The family plans a private burial service earlier that day, at Memorial Park in Memphis, Tennessee. The family requests that memorials be sent to Church Health Center of Memphis Tennessee, or a charity of choice. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to Memorial Park Funeral Home and Cemetery, 5668 Poplar Ave. Memphis, TN 38119, "Behind the Stone Wall"



Tribute Wall

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Dale Parker posted:

Sue, I am so thankful that Wes passed my way during our lifetime. He was truly a delightful person and I have so many wonderful memories of you both. I only wish I had kept a dairy of our wonderful trips together. I think of Wes every day as I enjoy the lacquered box that he presented me with on the Russian cruise we took. It sits on my dresser and holds some precious mementos. I wish I could have been at the memorial at Trezevant but my David is having a real bout with his back and I had to stay close by. I know you have wonderful memories to keep you going. My prayers are with you and your family. Dale Parker

August 9 at 12:26 PM



Memorial Park posted:

Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Dr. Wesley Atwood.

August 5 at 2:16 PM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Wesley by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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