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Howard Culver Aldridge, 101, passed away July 14, 2015, in Murfreesboro, TN. He retired from Union Oil Company of California after 26 years of faithful service were he also served as a member of the Society of Automotive Engineers. He was a World War II veteran serving in the United States Army from 1943 – 1945. He was a faithful friend of Bill Wilson for 62 years. Mr. Aldridge was preceded in death by his lovely wife, Evelyn. He is survived by his son, Thomas Aldridge and his wife, Shelly and granddaughter, Erin Aldridge. The family will receive friends from 5 – 7 pm on Thursday, July 16 and a funeral service will be held at 1:00 pm on Friday, July 17 all at Memorial Park Funeral Home. 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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ED

Ellie And Bill Dooner posted:

Bill and I witnessed a most gracious, most beautiful and most amazingly fruitful life of that of Howard Aldridge. In Howard's 101 years he showed kindness and love personified. The list of his friends and admirers are so long only God knows the length and breadth. He used magical encouraging words of wisdom for every life he touched. Along with his encouragement, he had a big hug, looked you in the eye and you felt love. The girls fought to sit next to him. Not just his wisdom, and kindness but he also had a long list of poetry that he was able to recall and recite at any given moment. Howard was an icon to some of us....he will be missed dearly. However, the good news; Howard earned his stripes and will have many stars in his crown. God must have been so pleased with his life. Tommy and Shelly, you were faithful and kind to him and he must have loved knowing that you were always there for him particularly in his later life. God must be pleased with the two of you also. Bill and I send our love and sympathy to you and the entire extended Aldridge family. Because we were out of the country from the 14th of July until just now, we were unable to be with you at the service, and for that we are very sorry. Our love, Bill and Ellie Dooner

August 12 at 8:10 AM

SH

Shelly posted:

Thank you Mandy for taking such good care of him.

July 19 at 5:18 PM

LA

Laura posted:

there is a glorious place in heaven for Howard

July 16 at 3:14 AM

MA

Mandy posted:

I am so sorry for your loss! It was an honor getting to know Howard over the last 2 years. I always looked forward to seeing his smiling face. He will be greatly missed!

July 15 at 3:31 PM



AS

A Friend Of Bill's And Howard's posted:

Memory is at flood-tide, thinking about Howard. He was a Southern gentleman's gentleman: kind, eloquent, wise, charming, funny. He balanced Spiritual and practical very well, offending neither. I knew him over 30-years. Howard had befriended me when I first arrived in Memphis; I saw him semi-regularly, as we traveled in several of the same circles. After he retired, he had moved to Nashville, where I had transferred several years before; so we reconnected..He was of the Old School, perhaps one of its star pupils; yet could engage teenagers and folks in their 20's in meaningful conversations—as their equal, one of them. Looking 100 years old in the eye did not intimidate him. He continued making talks to various groups from podiums throughout West and Middle Tennessee, into his mid '90's, on Spiritual topics— talks that lasted as much as an hour or longer. He educated audiences, effortlessly sharing his wealth of wisdom and knowledge. Howard grew up in Birmingham, Alabama, worked at the service station where my grandfather traded, and was an alumnus of Birmingham Southern. These were some of the things I learned during our irregularly occurring chats,.So Howard was the youngster cleaning Granddaddy's windshield prior to World War II, then made a career out of the automotive service business. He was calm under pressure, and had a gift of knowing what to say under even the tautest circumstances. His humor, wisdom, experience and compassion will be missed by the many whose lives he enriched with his friendship. .

July 14 at 5:34 PM

SM

Steve Mendelsohn posted:

Howard, always had an encouraging word, enthusiasm, and a smile. We were lucky to have such a fine gentleman as our friend and mentor for so long. He will be missed. Steve Mendelsohn

July 14 at 3:20 PM

TA

Tammy posted:

I'm so sorry for your loss! My prayers go out to the family and friends that have lost such a great man. May he dance with the Angels

July 14 at 11:56 AM

DM

Deborah Myers posted:

Howard A was one of the kindest men I ever met. I felt comfortable telling him anything. I remember he would recite poetry to me & remember every word. He never forgot anyone and always shared from the heart. I will miss him! Thank you to Tommy & Shelly for taking such good care of him in his later years....Deborah M.

July 14 at 8:04 AM



Memories only last if you share them

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



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