Obituary

Born: Sunday, May 6, 1923
Died: Tuesday, August 11, 2015

William J. Moore, Sr., 92 years old, of New Bloomfield, loving man, remarkable Pa. leader and respected businessman, passed away August 11, 2015 with his loving wife by his side.

He was born May 6, 1923 in Muskogee, OK. to Joseph and Maude Moore. Bill moved to Tulsa, OK, as a child and graduated from Tulsa Central. He received a full scholarship for wrestling to the University of Pa. After his brother Ralph was killed in Italy he enlisted in the U.S. Army following graduation. The Army sent Bill to the University of Maryland for engineering training before going off to war. As a 1st Lieutenant, Infantry veteran of WW II, he served in the South Pacific and was responsible for rebuilding the air strip (Lactobin) with 350 Japanese prisoners. After WW II, Bill returned to the University of Pa. and studied finance and commerce in the Wharton School. He then went on to graduate from the U.S. Army General Staff College and honorably discharged as Lt. Colonel in the U.S. Army Reserves.

Bill was a former Pa. State Legislator, having served in the House of Representatives from 1971-1972 and the Senate from 1973-1988, where he served as caucus chairman. After retiring from the Senate, he resumed an active role in his insurance business, W.J. Moore Inc. while enjoying life with his grandchildren, cats and wife. Bill was a man committed to family and friends. He was a long time resident of New Bloomfield where he was a prominent leader, and applauded for his significant contributions to a multitude of charitable causes. He has been honored for his extensive community involvement and achievements. Bill aided charities through sponsorships of benefits, galas and golf tournaments.

Bill is survived by his wife of 37 years, Sally Jane Moore, one son and granddaughters, Melisa, Allison and Jenna Moore and grandson, Schuyler Moore and his wife Shawna; great granddaughters, Lilly and Valerie Rose Moore and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by a son and a daughter.

A Service of Remembrance for Bill will be held on Saturday, September 26 at the chapel on the campus of Carson Long Military Institute in New Bloomfield with a visitation from 10 AM until the service at 11 AM.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions are suggested to Carson Long Military Institute, 200 N. Carlisle Street, New Bloomfield 17068, New Bloomfield Fire Company, P.O. Box 22, New Bloomfield 17068 or Perry County Animal Rescue, 507 Sugar Run Road, Millerstown 17062.

Arrangements by the David Myers Funeral Home, Newport.