

Sam Wynn Maples Jr.(1923 - 2016)

Sam Wynn Maples Jr., a life-long resident of Frederick, died on March 18, 2016.

He was born on December 29, 1923, to Annie Brunner Kemp Maples and Sam Wynn Maples, Sr., of Frederick. He is survived by his wife, Mary Ellen Creed Rhoderick, her two children: Jay Rhoderick (Chip Garner) and Laura Rhoderick (Cliff Cumber) and their children Alex and Liam. He is also survived by his son, Allen Quynn Maples (Joan) of Frederick and their two children: Lawrence Quynn Maples and Lois Motter Maples (Jay Gaul, her fiancé). He is also survived by his daughter, Margaret Maples Tilden (John) and their children Kate Marnie Carter (Brad) and Luke Tilden; and Sam's great granddaughter Emory Margaret. His first marriage was to Margaret (Peggy) Quynn Maples, who predeceased him in 1991. He was also predeceased by his son John Schell Maples (Sandy). John and Sandy's children are Beth Ann Maples Weaver (Robert) and Scott Andrew Maples.

Sam attended Elm Street School and graduated from Mercersburg Academy in 1941. He graduated from Williams College, with a major in physics in 1944. He then entered the U.S. Army, and served in the Army Signal Corps in Okinawa.

After leaving the Army and returning to Frederick he managed Kemp's (the family-owned department store) for many years. When the store was sold, Sam moved into teaching at West Frederick Junior High School. He served as a guidance counselor at Governor Thomas Johnson High School and Monocacy Middle School. He also volunteered at several elementary schools. He loved playing golf, tennis and sailing on the Chesapeake Bay.

He deeply loved music and was an avid singer. He played trombone in various jazz/dance bands. He sang in the senior choir at the ERUCC (Evangelical Reformed United Church of Christ) and also the Frederick Chorale, of which he was a charter member. For over 50 years he sang in various choirs at the ERUCC.

On Monday March 28, the family will receive visitors, beginning at 10 a.m. at the ERUCC, 15 West Church Street, Frederick, MD, 21701. The service of celebration will begin at 11 a.m., followed by a reception in the church social hall. Donations in Sam's memory can be sent to the ERUCC Building Fund.

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