



Joseph Wilson "Bill" Borden

December 15, 1926 - August 17, 2007

J. Wilson (Bill) Borden, Jr. of Bryn Mawr, PA passed away on Friday, August 17 at Beaumont at Bryn Mawr where he had resided for the past year and a half.

Born in Philadelphia in 1926 to Kathryn Esslinger Borden and Joseph Wilson Borden, he graduated from The Haverford School in December of 1944, immediately joined the Army and was stationed in the Philippines. On his return he enrolled at Princeton University, graduating with a degree in Engineering in 1950.

After graduation, he joined the family engineering business, John Borden & Bro, Inc. in Philadelphia. While at John Borden & Bro., Inc., he was active in the Mechanical Contractors Association of America and the Young Presidents Organization. After working in the family business for over 25 years, he enrolled in the Executive MBA program at The University of Pennsylvania's Wharton School, and received his degree in 1979.

In 1951 he married Joan Martin of New York and they spent most of their married life raising their family in Bryn Mawr. He was greatly loved by his children and loved them equally. His beloved wife passed on in 1999. Mr. Borden was a long time member of The Merion Cricket Club, The Ardmore Rotary Club, and later The Bryn Mawr Rotary Club. He was a member the

First Church of Christ, Scientist, Ardmore serving in many capacities, from Treasurer, to the Executive Board and President. He brought to all his activities a lovely sense of humor, diligence and integrity.

An avid car enthusiast, Bill enjoyed memberships in the Alvis Club, The Rolls Royce Club of America and the Classic Car Club of America. His car club activities included planning driving tours both in the United States and abroad, writing and editing newsletters and magazines and participating in car shows both as competitor and judge. He bought his first Rolls Royce (a 1923 Springfield Silver Ghost) while he was in high school. Later his collection included a 1934 Rolls Royce PII, a 1934 Bentley Darby Coupe, a 1935 Alvis Speed Twenty, and a 1954 Bristol 403. He often commented on the wonderful friends he made through the car club activities.

Mr. Borden is survived by his three children: Cynthia Ritz, her husband Joseph and their three children, Alexander, Maxwell and Georgia of Wayne; Ardis Charrington, her husband, Toby and their children, Hilly and Josie also of Wayne; and a son Peter and his wife Jacqueline Wilkes of Newport, RI. He is also survived by his sister, Joan Stuart of Villanova.

The family will receive guests on Thursday, August 30 from 5-7 at the Merion Cricket Club in Haverford.

Arrangements by Chadwick & McKinney of Ardmore

Tribute Wall



“ I am sorry to learn of the passing of Wilson Borden. I knew him many years ago and always held him in the highest regard. He was a fun guy. My condolences to his family.##imported-begin##Tim Pfister##imported-end##

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