



The Reverend John Lisle

January 24, 1913 - August 17, 2008

The Reverend John Lisle, a member of a long established Philadelphia family, died on August 10, 2008, in Bryn Mawr, Pennsylvania. He was 95.

Mr. Lisle was born on January 24, 1913, in Philadelphia, the son of John Lisle and Helen Willard Davis. When he was two years old, his father drowned at Cape May, New Jersey, while attempting to save a drowning woman crying for help. He was raised by his mother, who never remarried.

Mr. Lisle graduated from Salisbury School, Salisbury, Connecticut and went on to Lehigh University in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, where he gained a degree in chemical engineering. In 1935, he married Dorothy Sayre Dodson of Bethlehem, Pennsylvania. They had three children.

The day after the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor Mr. Lisle enlisted in the Navy and served as Lieutenant Commander in the Pacific until the war's end. Upon his discharge he lived with his family in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, until 1962 when he moved to Sewickley, Pennsylvania. Following Dorothy's death in 1971, he married Hettie-Jo Quick of Wheeling, West Virginia, and they moved to Sarasota, Florida. After Hettie-Jo died in 2005, he moved to Beaumont in Bryn Mawr, Pennsylvania.

Mr. Lisle practiced engineering throughout his career. He was President of

Audio Laboratories, Inc. in Bethlehem, and later joined Rust Engineering in Pittsburgh.

Mr. Lisle devoted much of his adult life to helping those afflicted with alcoholism, he, himself, being a recovered alcoholic. He was a dedicated member of Alcoholics Anonymous, which he helped strengthen and expand in the communities where he lived. When he was living in Sarasota he enrolled in a four-year course from the School of Theology at the University of the South in Sewanee, Tennessee. He was ordained in June 1980, as a Deacon in the Episcopal Church, serving at Saint Boniface Church in Sarasota.

He is survived by his two daughters, Evelyn Davis Rooney of Washington, D.C., Lucy Lisle Murray-Brown of Cambridge, Massachusetts, his son, John Lisle Jr. of Bryn Mawr, Pennsylvania, and his stepson Jay Williams Quick, of Sarasota, Florida. He is also survived by ten grandchildren and 8 great-grandchildren.

A funeral service will be held at 1:30 p.m. on Saturday, August 16th, at The Church of the Redeemer in Bryn Mawr. Burial will be private in Laurel Hill Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to St. Boniface Episcopal Church, 5615 Midnight Pass Rd., Sarasota, FL 34242