



William L. Hires

July 5, 1918 - February 14, 2009

William Leland Hires, 90, of Haverford, died peacefully on February 14th, 2009.

Mr. Hires was a graduate of Haverford College. He served with the United States Marines Corp., the United States Army (Lieutenant Colonel) and the United States Army Reserves.

A trained Psychologist, he received his PhD at the University of Pennsylvania. This career took him to positions at the University of Pennsylvania, West Chester College, the Chester County Intermediate Unit, the Upper Darby School District as Director of Pupil Services and as the Academic Dean at the Curtis Institute of Music. During retirement he took great pleasure working as an intermittent National Park Ranger in Philadelphia at Independence Hall and the Edgar Allen Poe House.

Over his lifetime Mr. Hires enjoyed spending time with his family including extensive traveling with his wife and daughter. He was an amateur magician who loved performing tricks for family and friends. A long time passion was his dedication to history and genealogy. He traced all lines of his ancestry as well as assisting many others to do so.

Mr. Hires was a member of the First Troop Philadelphia City Calvary, The

Delaware State Society of the Cincinnati, The Welcome Society of Pennsylvania, the Society of Colonial Wars in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, The Franklin Inn Club, the Library Company of Philadelphia, the Historical Society of Pennsylvania, The Philadelphia Club, the Aztec Club of 1847, The Rabbit and The Merion Cricket Club.

Mr. Hires is survived by his wife Karen R. Hires, daughter Jennifer L. Hires (Robert Wilson), stepchildren; Frank Perrott, Lisa Perrott, Keith Perrott (Natalie) and their children. He is also survived by 3 nieces, 2 nephews and their families. He was predeceased by his parents, Harrison Streeter Hires and Christine Leland Hires, sister, Claramary H. Morgan and brother, Richard Wesley Hires.

A private graveside service for the immediate family will be held at St. Peters Episcopal Church in Malvern. A Celebration of Life for his family and friends will be held at The Merion Cricket Club on Saturday February 28th at 12:30pm.

In lieu of flowers, please donate in the memory of William L. Hires to the Friends of Independence National Historical Park – 143 South 3rd St, Philadelphia, PA 19106.

Previous Events

Service

FEB **28**. 12:30 PM (ET)

Merion Cricket Club
325 Montgomery Avenue
Haverford, PA