WESLEY ROBERT SANDELL

Wesley Sandell, beloved husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather, passed away peacefully December 5, 2015. He is preceded in death by his wife of 56 years, Ingrid, his brother Jack Sandell and his son-in-law Stephen Hurley. He is survived by his daughters Karen Hurley and Viveca Kenehan (Edward), his grandsons Sean Hurley, Ian Hurley (Nita), Michael Hurley, Eric Kenehan (Leslie), Matt Kenehan, and his great-granddaughters, Charlotte and Vivian Hurley.

Wes was born September 3, 1921 in Los Angeles, to Robert and Ruth Sandell. Wes attended Van Nuys HS where he was a Captain in the ROTC and Valedictorian of his graduating class. In 1944 he graduated from Cal Tech with a bachelor’s degree in applied chemistry and was inducted into Tau Beta Pi. He enrolled in Harvard Business School.

In 1946, Wes enlisted in the army and was stationed in Panama where he tested methods of containing chemical weapons and protective equipment. In 1948 he returned to Harvard, received his MBA with distinction and was honored with a Baker Scholar Key.

Wes returned to California and began a 37-year career with Eastman Kodak. First in Los Angeles, where he met and then married Ingrid on February 11, 1950. Kodak then transferred him to Hawaii where their daughters were born. He spent the remainder of his career in Atlanta, Maryland and Chicago, retiring to North Carolina in 1983 and returning to Maryland in 1991.

Wesley will be remembered for his great kindness, knowledge and respect for others. A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, January 23 at the Guild Memorial Chapel, 211 Russell Ave., Gaithersburg, Maryland. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in his name to the Asbury Methodist Village Benevolent Care Fund, 201 Russell Ave., Gaithersburg, MD 20877.

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