

Dr. Russell B. Driver
May 28, 1918 – July 17, 2010



Driver, Dr. Russell B., 92, recently of Salt Lake City, UT, died after a short illness on July 17, 2010. He was the son of Leslie R. and Sarah B. Driver (deceased) of Bristol, Tennessee.

He is survived by his devoted wife of 68 years, Ann Cherrington Driver, his daughter Sarah D. Flick and her husband Jeff of Salt Lake City, UT, his son Dr. Russell C. Driver and his wife Jan of Maryville, TN, his daughter Betty Ann Driver of New York, NY, and his son H. Graham Driver and his wife Kathy of Midlothian, VA. He is also survived by his grandson Chris Driver and his wife Tarri of Murfreesboro, TN, grandson James Driver of Midlothian, VA, grandsons Nathan and Evan Flick and granddaughter Abbey Flick, of Salt Lake City, UT, and grandsons Ian Brown of Cordova, TN, Joshua Brown of Mint Hill, NC, and Michael Brown of Midlothian, VA. He is also survived by his brothers Dr. L. Rowe Driver and his wife Carolyn of Nashville, TN, Dr. Tom F. Driver and his wife Anne of New York, NY, his sister Betty Peeler and her husband Milton B. Peeler of Huntsville, AL and 10 nieces and nephews.

He was a nurturing and loving son, husband, father, uncle, grandfather and friend and will be remembered by many for his generosity, thoughtfulness, gentleness and humor.

Dr. Driver was a Phi Beta Kappa graduate of Ohio Wesleyan University and earned an MBA and a PhD from the University of Michigan. During WWII he served in the Naval Supply Corp on naval transports, first on trans-Atlantic convoys in early 1942 and then on a ship that was sunk at Guadalcanal in the South Pacific. After the war he continued to serve in the Naval Reserve, retiring as Captain. For 15 years he was a Certified Public Accountant in Tennessee and, after earning his doctorate in higher education, became Vice President for Business Affairs at Saginaw Valley State College in Michigan. He finished his professional service as a professor of accounting, first at Middle Tennessee State University in Murfreesboro and then at Belmont University in Nashville.

Over his life Dr. Driver was active in three Rotary Clubs and President of two. He worshipped in the Methodist church his entire life and served in many leadership positions. Prior to moving to Salt Lake City, he and Ann lived at McKendree Village in Hermitage, TN for 16 years. In addition to his leadership roles, he enjoyed vegetable gardening, sailing, studying genealogy, traveling with Ann, and telling jokes.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Rotary at www.rotary.org/en/Contribute, Ohio Wesleyan at <http://giving.owu.edu>, or State Street United Methodist Church of Bristol, VA at (276) 669-2101.

The Driver family wishes to thank the wonderful staffs of Brighton Gardens, the Caregiver Support Network, the 8th floor of LDS Hospital, and the thoughtful residents of Brighton Gardens for their support during this difficult time.