



Fred Turner Mahaffey

August 19, 1923 - June 20, 2006

OBITUARY

FRED TURNER MAHAFFEY

Fred Turner Mahaffey age 82, of Bolivar and formerly of Park Ridge, IL passed away Tuesday, June 20, 2006 at his home in Bolivar after a brief illness.

Fred was born on August 19, 1923 in Bolivar, MO the son of druggist who owned a drug store in Bolivar, Bert Lee Mahaffey and Lucy Pearl Turner Mahaffey.

In 1949, after serving in the U.S. Navy during W.W.II, he married Betty Woodfill, the daughter of Robert and Elizabeth Woodfill, who owned another drug store in Bolivar.

Fred earned a B.A. Degree in Zoology from the University of Missouri-Columbia in 1949 and then a B.S. Degree in Pharmacy from the University Of Missouri-Kansas City in 1952. In 1953, he was the youngest person at that time ever appointed to a state Board of Pharmacy, launching a 36 year career in national pharmacy affairs. In 1956 he joined the staff of the Chicago based National Association of Boards of Pharmacy (NABP) and was named Executive Director in 1962. During his career Fred was instrumental in developing the first national pharmacists licensure examination, a national

code for pharmaceutical products , the creation of the Drug Enforcement Administration, the Federal Drug Law and Foreign Pharmacy Graduate Examinations, and was a relentless champion for advocating the importance of the state boards of pharmacy. He also served on the Boards of Directors of the Accreditation Council on Pharmaceutical Education, U. S.

Pharmacopoeia, and the American Pharmaceutical Association. In 1973, he was awarded an honorary doctor of pharmacy degree from the Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences. His contributions to the profession continued after retirement in 1988. In 2001, he was awarded the Hugo H. Schafer Award by the American Pharmacists Association and in 1995 the NABP created the Fred T. Mahaffey Award to recognize innovation by states boards of pharmacy. A 35 year resident of Park Ridge, IL, he coached youth baseball and basketball and chaired the Park Ridge School Board Caucus.

Surviving is two sons, John Christopher Mahaffey of Park Ridge, IL and Mark Turner Mahaffey of Escondido, CA. Also the mother of his sons, Betty C. Mahaffey of Park Ridge, IL. And three grandchildren, Michael, Katherine and Sara.

Services will be private with inurnment in the Bowers Chapel Cemetery near Urbana, MO Arrangements are under the direction of the Butler Funeral Home of Bolivar. Friends may sign the guest book or send private condolences at www.butlerfuneralhome.com

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Tribute Wall



“ Fred Turner Mahaffey

October 05, 2023 at 05:18 AM



“ Fred Turner Mahaffey

January 26, 2023 at 04:15 PM



“ I am Fred's first cousin. I have fond recollections of family gatherings where Fred's presence was one of the true highlights. In recent years, we regularly conversed by telephone, sharing our thoughts on life, society, and politics. I will miss him greatly, especially his congenial optimism and sense of humor.

Bill Morrow - July 09, 2006 at 12:00 AM



“ We were so sorry to hear about Fred. We have the local taxi service and got acquainted with Fred over the years.

Bob and Kelly Barnhouse - June 24, 2006 at 12:00 AM



“ Fred was a real gentleman with charming manners. He could make everyone feel at ease. I loved to hear him laugh. I'm sure the family has many good times to remember. I know he loved you all very much.

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“ Fred was a great friend to my Mother, Ruth King. We appreciated him in many ways.

ELIZABETH & LARRY TURNER - June 23, 2006 at 12:00 AM