



## Raymond Clyde Grills

December 15, 1914 - December 10, 2017

Raymond Clyde Grills passed away on Dec 10th. He was born on December 15, 1914 in DuQuoin, Ill, son of Charles M. and Emma Christina (Yehling) Grills. He graduated from Monmouth College, Monmouth, Ill. and earned his Ph.D. from Indiana University. While at Indiana University he met Helen Jane Miles and they were married in 1941 and had 57 years of happiness.

In 1940 he began his 34 year career with the DuPont Co. where he worked in the Explosives, Textile Fibers, Film and International departments. During WWII, DuPont assigned him to work at military Ordnance facilities, the Manhattan Project at the UChicago Met Lab and the Ordnance Works Area 300 in Hanford Washington, during which he was awarded a patent for coating uranium. Following the war, he served DuPont in managerial positions at locations in Virginia, Tennessee, Delaware and Argentina.

Retiring in 1974, he and Jane moved to Sarasota, Fl. where they became active in the community. He served as Commodore of the Bird Key Yacht Club, helped found the Sarasota Community Foundation, was active in the Rotary Club, with Resurrection House, Meals on Wheels and the Manasota Track Club. He was a member of First Church Sarasota (UMC).

He was predeceased by his wife, Jane, and his brother, Dick Grills. He is survived by daughter, Donna Cumbee, of Bradenton, Fl. and son, Dennis

Grills (Susan) of Charlotte, NC. He is also survived by four grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held at First Church (UMC) of Sarasota, 104 S. Pineapple Ave., Sarasota on Friday, December 15 at 1:00 PM.

Memorials may be made to First Church (UMC) of Sarasota ([www.firstsrq.net](http://www.firstsrq.net)), Resurrection House of Sarasota ([www.resurrectionhousesarasota.org](http://www.resurrectionhousesarasota.org)) or the homeless relief organization of your choice.