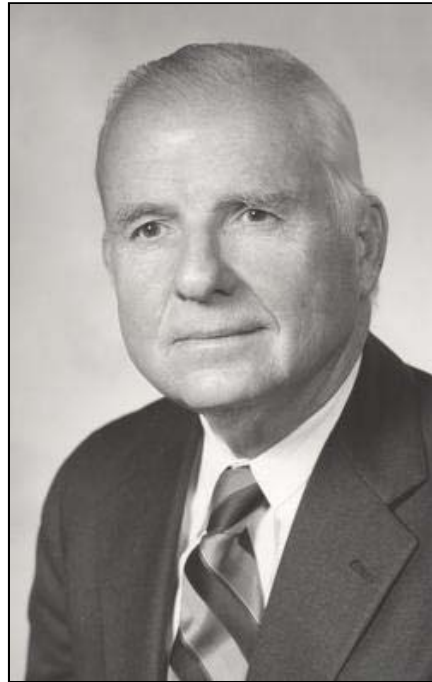


MacDonald's Funeral Home - Howell, Michigan

David C. Riley

(October 16, 1926 - July 9, 2015)

Born October 16, 1926 in Dothan, AL, died July 9, 2015 a resident of Howell, MI. Survived by his beloved wife Helen Bell Caldwell Riley, his loving children David (Laura) Riley of Warren, and Margaret (James) Oswald of Rochester Hills, sources of pride throughout his life, and his cherished niece Frances (David) Bryant of Comanche, TX. Preceded in death by his beloved first wife Patricia and brother Wilburn. His is also mourned by his step family; Harry (Carol) Caldwell, Ed (Linda) Caldwell and Bob (Karen) Caldwell, all of Birmingham, AL, Bill Caldwell of San Francisco and Jane (Charles) Stonecipher of Seattle, as well as their children and grandchildren who gave him such joy in his later years. Born on a farm outside Dothan, AL, a brief stint in the Navy during WWII marked his first trek outside of the South. Upon his return home he continued a career in the meat industry which took him from Alabama to Iowa, then to Indiana and finally to his longtime home in Michigan. A 50 year career with Hygrade Food Products may have begun by weighing hogs, but it finished in the president's office, as not only a leader of the company, but also an icon within the industry serving as Chairman of the American Meat Institute in 1989. He was known for his passion for hard work, analytical mind, great storytelling and never wavering optimism which authored many successes in his career, most notably the creation of America's favorite Ball Park Frank Brand. He also found inspiration as a lifetime 33 degree Mason and Shriner. After his retirement in 1994 his energies were redirected into charity work devoting time and resources to Catholic Services of Livingston County, The Livingston County Consortium on Aging and the Howell Rotary. A caring role model for his children, family and friends, his larger than life presence will be greatly missed. Visitation will be Monday 2-4 PM and 6-8 PM at MacDonald's Funeral Home, 315 N. Michigan Ave., Howell, (517-546-2800). Services will be Tuesday 11 AM at the First Baptist Church, 210 Church Street, Howell. Interment will follow at Acacia Cemetery, Beverly Hills, MI. Memorial contributions may be made to the charity of one's choice.



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