



Dr. Howard E. Reilly

October 28, 1924 - July 16, 2024

Dr. Howard E. Reilly, age 99, passed away on July 16, 2024.

Beloved husband of 74 years to the late Beverly. Loving father of the late Kathleen Reilly Koory. Brother of the late Kenneth Reilly. Dear uncle to several nieces and nephews.

Howard was born on October 28, 1924 in Culver City, CA to Hugh Reilly and Rose Piasecki Reilly. He spent his early years in California. Moved to Michigan with his mother to be near family after his father passed away. He was a graduate of Denby High School and furthered his education at Wayne State University, where he completed his Bachelor, Master's and Ph.D. Dr. Reilly was employed for 29 years at WSU, serving as an instructor in Secondary Social Studies and ultimately as an Assistant Dean. Howard proudly served his country, first in the US Navy from 1943-1946 where he was a SeaBee (CB Construction Battalion) participating in the invasion of Normandy, attaining the rank of Carpenters Mate 2nd Class. He was a member of the US Army from 1948-1954, achieving the rank of Sgt 1st Class. Howard and Bev married in Detroit in 1948 and made their home there initially. Howard was awarded a combat action ribbon for his service in WWII. In 1959, the couple moved to Warren.

Howard enjoyed world travel and was a lifelong lover of jazz and encouraged

many young musicians throughout his life. He and Bev could often be found at area jazz concerts, the Dirty Dog Cafe and they looked forward to the many jazz cruises they took over the years, creating many friendships along the way.

He is survived by three nieces, a great niece, three great nephews, two great-great nieces, and a great-great nephew.

Military honors will be rendered by the U.S. Navy at White Chapel Cemetery at the inurnment in a private ceremony.

Memorial contributions to the Kathleen Reilly Koory Endowment at Wayne State University College of Education are appreciated.

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“ Howard and Bev became a part of our extended family when Kathy married our cousin Don. The ties continued even after Kathy passed away. Howard was part of many family gatherings and became very dear to us. So many wonderful conversations, such a pleasure to be in his company. We will always remember him as an intelligent and good man.

Chuck and Fran Alberts - July 29, 2024 at 09:00 PM

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“ I met Howard and Beverly as a young student at Wayne State through their daughter Kathy. Not sure of what I was going to major in, discussions with Howard led me to Special Education. He helped me in class selection and found me my first student teaching assignment. Howard, Beverly, and Kathy were the most important non family influences leading me to my 33 year teaching career. Great people.

Alan Hafeli - July 27, 2024 at 10:05 PM

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“ Min lit a candle in memory of Dr. Howard E. Reilly



Min - July 26, 2024 at 11:32 AM