



Wedel Daniel Nilsen

July 5, 2013

Wedel Daniel Nilsen, 90, of Cape Girardeau, MO died Friday, July 5, 2013 at the Lutheran Home in Cape Girardeau, MO. He was born June 18, 1923 in Escanaba, MI to Gabriel and Inga Nilsen. Nilsen served his country in the U.S. Navy during World War II. After leaving the Navy he attended Augsburg College in Minneapolis, MN. He graduated from the University of Minnesota with a Bachelor's Degree, and then from Columbia University in New York with a Master's Degree. Wedel and Dorothy spent most of their married life in education. Wedel became a staff writer and illustrator for Follett Publishing Company in Chicago. He wrote and illustrated books for elementary students. The Nilsen's moved to Cape Girardeau in 1985 and to Saxony Village in 1994. He was known locally as an artist, but considered himself as an illustrator. He is survived by three sister-in-law's; Jean Nicolaidis of Cape Girardeau, MO, Joyce Wallace of Sarasota, FL and Ruth Nilsen of Marietta, OH; many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents; wife, Dorothy in 2002; brothers, Rolf, Garad, Thor and Warren; sisters, Valborg, Hilder and Grace. There will be no services. Memorial contributions may be given to St. Mark Lutheran Church, 1900 Cape La Croix Rd., Cape Girardeau, MO 63701 or the Juvenile Diabetes Foundation, 50 Crestwood Executive Center, St. Louis, MO 63126.

Tribute Wall

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“ I wanted to express my sympathy to the family. I felt fortunate to meet and visit with Mr. Nilsen. He was a kind and compassionate person. From my conversations with him, it was evident that he dearly loved his late wife Dorothy. Mr. Nilsen was also generous. His contribution to the College of Health and Human Services will forever serve as a testament of the value of education held by he and his wife.

Dr. Loretta P. Prater - October 07, 2013 at 12:00 AM

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“ Wedel was a kind soul with a brilliant mind. He could quote his favorite poems by memory, even the longest verses, even at age 90. He has done so much good in this world for Southeast Missouri State University students and for American literature. I'll miss our literary discussions very much. Good bye, friend, and may flights of angels sing thee to thy rest.

Dr. Susan Swartwout - September 07, 2013 at 12:00 AM

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“ I want to extend my sympathy to your family on the death of Wedel. It was my pleasure to work with him and visit with him for many years while I worked at the University. He was a wonderful person.

Jane Cooper Stacy - September 07, 2013 at 12:00 AM

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“ On behalf of the faculty, students, and staff of the Department of Nursing at Southeast MO State University, I extend our sympathy and prayers to the Nilsen family. He was a long-time, and very enthusiastic supporter of our students, and we are grateful.

Dr. Gloria J. Green - September 07, 2013 at 12:00 AM

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“ *As the first winner of the Nilsen Prize for a First Novel, which Wedel Nilsen endowed in honor of his late wife, I am saddened by his passing. His generosity and love of literature have made a big difference in my life. I am sure future winners of the award will feel as grateful as I do.*

Tony Rogers - September 07, 2013 at 12:00 AM