



## Donald R. Wakeley

February 10, 2019

Donald R. Wakeley, 84, of Fort Myers, FL, died on Sunday, February 10, 2019 at Heritage Park Rehabilitation Center, Fort Myers, FL. Born in Bridgeport, CT but grew up in Stratford, CT, he was the son of the late Clarence and Lucy Sunshine Wakeley and the husband of Nancy Malaun Wakeley with whom he celebrated 62 years of marriage in 2018.

After high school graduation he joined the US Air Force serving from 1952 to 1956 at Randolph Air Force base in San Antonio, Texas. His work as an entrepreneur included operating a Water Conditioning business in Fort Myers starting in 1976. He was a Special Education advocate in both Connecticut and Florida and later in life served as an advocate for diabetes programs. Donald was actively involved in politics and ran for First Selectman as an independent candidate in Woodbury, CT in 1975.

He loved the outdoors and was a car enthusiast with great mechanical skills. He once converted a school bus into a family camper.

Donald was a member of Stratford Congregational Church where he served as treasurer and sang in the choir. Upon moving to Florida, he and his family became founding members of Fort Myers Congregational United Church of Christ.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by his children: Rev. Jeffrey Wakeley of Great Falls, MT, Sharon Wakeley Kuhlenschmidt of N. Ft. Myers, FL, Christopher Wakeley of Lancaster, PA and Susan Wakeley of Colorado Springs, CO, 6 grandchildren: Shannon Zeplin, Meghan Wakeley, Frederick, Melissa and Nicholas Kuhlenschmidt and Kieran Wakeley. He is also survived by his brother, David Wakeley of Huntingdon, CT. He was preceded in death by his brother, Charles Wakeley and sister, Mary Jane Wakeley.

Services will be private at the convenience of the family.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Donald R. Wakeley*

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