



## Lane Milde

June 25, 1925 - March 18, 2017

Lane O. Milde was born to Marie and Martin Milde in the small town of Maddock, North Dakota in 1925. He had three older brothers [Earl, Roy, and Verne], two older sisters [Irma Olson and Inez Beckstrand], and one younger sister [Irene Murphy]. Martin was a carpenter; Marie was a homemaker who had attended teacher's college; she loved poetry, music, and flowers.

Although the family lived in town, from the ages of 8 to 17, Lane spent every summer as soon as school was out helping on his grandfather's farm. His grandfather had about 20 cows; one of Lane's chores was milking the cows. He loved being outdoors, riding horses, driving the car [he started at 10 or so] and tinkering with machinery. He loved to play basketball and was on a team that made it to the state finals one year. He and his sister Irene took tap dancing lessons as kids and danced at the Sons of Norway. After graduating from high school, he was sent to St. Olaf College to start Naval officer's training; he was stationed in Oklahoma and Seattle for flight training, learning to fly a Stearman, doing aerobatics, and learning night landings on an aircraft carrier.

After the War, he returned to North Dakota, where he enrolled as a mechanical engineering major at North Dakota State University and met and married Leona in 1946. They were married 60 years and 5 months. They had two children. Rosemary spent most of her career in university career services, retiring from Ohio State. She has two adult stepchildren; she and her husband Stacy have 4 grandchildren. Michael, a physician, retired as senior partner for

a large practice in NE Wisconsin. Michael and his wife Vickie have 4 grown children and as of 2017 have 6 grandchildren. Lane started his career as a mechanical engineer and earned the PE (professional engineer designation). He primarily designed turbines for hydroelectric plants, but he also worked on other projects, such as the Nike missile, the ventilation system for the Eisenhower Tunnel through the Rocky Mountains and the luggage sorting system for the PanAm terminal in NY. He was engineering manager for European operations for Kaiser Engineers. Lane and Leona were open to new experiences and followed career opportunities from North Dakota to Wyoming, back to North Dakota, Michigan, New York, Taiwan, back to New York, then to Richmond Hill, England, NW Pakistan, Twickenham, England, Sao Paulo Brazil, Walnut Creek CA, Beulah ND, Winchester MA, Lancaster PA, finally retiring to a golf course community in Ocala FL. Lane and Lee were enthusiastic golfers; he was proud of his “hole in one.” They enjoyed entertaining, playing bridge, and dancing [including square dancing in their younger days]. Both were active in local clubs – Lane served as president of his local Lions Club and Men’s Golf League. Lane’s other hobbies were billiards, fishing, and working in the yard. As a young man, he enjoyed carpentry [making furniture], and fixing their cars [and anything else that needed work].

Throughout his life, he was outgoing and sociable, with a ready smile and a strong handshake for all. He moved to Dublin in 2011, living first at Dublin Retirement Village and then at Glenwood Alzheimer’s Care Facility, where he was well-liked and had many friends among the residents and staff. He passed away early on March 18, 2017 under hospice care at The Sanctuary. He was a loving husband and father who worked hard to provide a good life for his family.

Interment will be at the Dayton National Cemetery, followed by a private family remembrance.

In lieu of flowers, please honor Lane’s memory by giving someone a big smile and a firm handshake.



# Tribute Wall



“ *Lane Milde*

January 28, 2023 at 10:24 AM



“ *God Bless/RIP. A heartfelt Thank YOU for your service in WWII. The USA would NOT be as it is today. I treasure the freedoms for which YOU fought, Mr. Milde..... And Semper Fi..... SIR.*



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*RIP my good friend.  
We worked together in São Paulo Brazil in the 80's.  
An excepcional person!!!  
Huberto Siebenrok Jr.*

**Huberto Siebenrok Jr** - February 23, 2019 at 02:46 PM