



## Donald Wiley

August 27, 1927 - March 30, 2021

Donald Wiley, age 93, a long time resident of Ocala, FL. passed away peacefully March 30, 2021 at Superior Residences at Cala Hills of Ocala. Don was born into this life on August 27, 1927 in Detroit, Michigan, being one of six children of Frank Wiley and Dorothy M. Wiley. Don loved his country, so as a young man with his fathers permission he enlisted in the U.S. Navy, during World War II. After completing training at Great Lakes, Illinois, he was then stationed in the Philippines. During his stay Don was awarded the Victory Medal, an American Area Campaign Medal, an Asiatic Pacific Area Campaign Medal, and a Philippine Liberation Ribbon. Don is also honored at the Brighton, Michigan, Veterans Memorial, "Veterans Walk of Honor", where a commemorative brick paver inscribed and dedicated to him is in place. On July 11, 1946, after receiving an honorable discharge from the U.S. Navy, Don returned home, where he met Shirley, they married in 1948. They proudly raised five children. Don retired, after working thirty years for WA KAY Industry, then moved to Ocala, FL, where plenty of warm sunny days welcome them. Both Don and Shirley loved to entertain and lead a very active social life. Don enjoyed the great outdoors, golfing, hunting, fishing and camping, which allow that much needed "quality time" with his family. While sitting around campfires, all would listen to his endless adventures and many, many tall tales. When Don wasn't outdoors, one would find him bowling with his many friends at Marion Landing. Don was extremely proud of his community and was always available to support the Marion County Sheriffs Department.

For several years, Don served as a member of the Sheriff's Citizens Patrol. Don is survived by his five children, sons George Michael Wiley, Donald Patrick Wiley (Kathy), daughters Paula Elliott (Chuck), Vickie Fabinsky (Tom), and Christine Etue (Mike), eight grandchildren, and seven great grand children. Don is also survived by some very special "family like" friends, the caring, and compassionate staff of Superior Residences and Marion County Hospice. Don is preceded in death by Shirley his wife of fifty-nine years, his parents, his sister Anne, his brothers Frank, Bob, Dick and Paul. A private graveside military memorial will be held. In lieu of flowers, the family ask that donations be made to Hospice of Marion County in memory of Donald Wiley.