

William MacQuown Obituary

Dr. William C. MacQuown Jr., 91, husband of Marjorie Rees MacQuown and the late Vivian Johnson MacQuown, passed away at his Lexington home on Tue., July 24, 2007. A geology professor and faculty emeritus at the University of Kentucky, Dr. MacQuown received his M.S. in 1940 from the University of Rochester and his Ph.D. from Cornell University in 1943. In the 1940's and 50's he worked for several petroleum companies in the Midwest and Rocky Mountains. After being named chief geologist by Sohio Petroleum, he served at their Oklahoma City headquarters, and later, in Calgary, Alberta. In 1961 Dr. MacQuown began teaching as a full professor in the Geology Department at UK. During that time, he helped the U.S. Geological Survey map the geologic features of central and south central Kentucky. Later, as a researcher and consultant, Dr. MacQuown served as president of the Geological Society of Kentucky, and was a member of the AAPG for over fifty years. In 2003, he was given the Outstanding Educator Award by the AAPG Eastern Section. In addition to his career, Bill MacQuown was an artist and an active member of the central Kentucky art scene for many years. As members of both the Lexington and Winchester Arts Guilds, he and his wife have had their works presented in public exhibits throughout the state. He had been a member of the Rotary, and was a Kentucky Admiral and a U.K. Fellow. He is also survived by his son Larry MacQuown; daughter, Melissa Forsyth; granddaughter, Rebecca MacQuown; son-in-law, Bill Forsyth, and daughter-in-law, Debra MacQuown. Born in Pittsburgh in 1915, Dr. MacQuown was the eldest of four brothers, all of whom survive him: Richard and Frank MacQuown of Pittsburgh, and Rolfe MacQuown of Wintersville, OH. Visitation was Friday July 27, 2007 at Milward's on North Broadway from 5-8 p.m. followed by the funeral on Sat. at 10 a.m., the Rev. Woody Berry of Maxwell Street Presbyterian Church officiating. Memorial contributions may be sent to Hospice of the Bluegrass or the American Heart Association.