

Ken Wiley Fund

In honor of Ken Wiley, former Board Member and Tutor for Tri-County Literacy, a temporarily restricted fund has been arranged for donations. This fund has been established and designated as such by Barbara Collins, dear friend of Ken Wiley, and Tri-County Literacy Tutor, Volunteer, and Former Board Chair.

These funds will be distributed as follows in terms of priority of usage:

1. Staff development
2. If not used or placed on hold for staff development, in the last quarter of the fiscal year, funds may be used for tutor training.
3. If not used for tutor training, funds may be used for other expenses if there is a budget shortfall or if it appears there will be a budget shortfall at the end of the fiscal year.
4. Remaining funds will be carried over to the next fiscal year to be used in the same priority as noted above.

About Sumner "Ken" Kennard Wiley, Jr.

(1930 – 2015)

Ken was married to his loving wife Ida Moreshead Wiley, for 63 years. He had a daughter, Sylvia K. Wiley, son-in-law Chris Muth, sister Barbara White, and many nieces and nephews. He was the most wonderful father and husband.

In 2000, Ken and Ida retired to their ancestral home in Harpswell, Maine after living for 30 years in Cumberland. He was a man of great faith and integrity. He was still close to his best friend from his University of Maine College years (1948 to 1952), Chet Worthylake. As Chet was quoted saying "He never did anything wrong, he always did the right thing."

Ken Wiley graduated from Newton High School in Massachusetts and then went on to the University of Maine at Orono, where he met his wife to be, Ida, in 1949 working in the kitchen cafeteria. He was a fraternity brother of Sigma Phi Epsilon, and formed a forever friendship with Chet then. He graduated as a mechanical engineer in 1952. Ken and Ida were married a week after their graduation and then Ken went on to serve in the Korean War as a second lieutenant in the Army. They were stationed later in Texas and Louisiana. Ken worked several years for Westinghouse and was instrumental in the development of the first Nuclear Submarine. He then went on to work for General Electric as a Quality Control Engineer. Later in life he branched out to be a Quality Control Consultant, teaching classes at USM and other companies.

When he wasn't working, he was an avid sailor, which was the weekend activity in the summer. He and Ida bought their first sail boat in 1962. Many fabulous memories were made on this boat. He was always gardening, and his wife referred to him as a "Gentleman Farmer," raising everything from pigs, cattle, chickens, and his favorite, honey bees. He even helped with his daughter's horses.

Ken believed in giving back, so he became part of Tri-County Literacy's *Literacy Volunteers* program teaching English. Ken also served on the Board of Directors for Tri-County Literacy and was instrumental in developing the "Reading for Better Business" workplace initiative. He sponsored a child in a faraway country, and he helped many charities. Ken was always involved with the church wherever they lived. Ken served on many committees at the Cumberland Congregational Church, and after retiring to the family home in Harpswell, he continued his service to the lord at the Elijah Kellogg Church.