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William Kelly Obituary

KELLY

William A., former Vice President of Lever Brothers, dies at 91.

Bill was born on March 8, 1925 in Atlantic City, NJ. He graduated from Atlantic City High School in 1943, and enlisted in the US Army Air Corps, serving his country as a navigator / bombardier in the 8th Air Force during World War II. He attended Princeton University on the GI Bill, where he studied Chemical Engineering and was the starting guard on the University Basketball team.

After graduating from Princeton in 1949, Mr. Kelly began a 35 year career with Lever Brothers Company, where he rose to the position of Vice President of Research and Development. He was awarded a number of patents for his work in product development at Lever Brothers, including one for a key process in the manufacture of Dove Soap.

Bill was actively involved in the community of Haworth, NJ, where he lived for 49 years. He served on the tennis committee and town council, coached youth sports and was a substitute teacher at Haworth Elementary School.

During his retirement years, Bill volunteered as a small business consultant with S.C.O.R.E and later, he and his wife Ruth traveled extensively with the International Executive Service Corp. He also enjoyed writing, clay sculpting, skiing, and spending time with his family.

Bill is survived by his wife of 64 years, Ruth E. Kelly (nee Walker), his children William W. Kelly and wife Wendy, Jenifer L. Kelly, Peter S. Kelly and wife Susan, and 7 grandchildren.

A celebration of Bill's life will be announced at a future date.

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