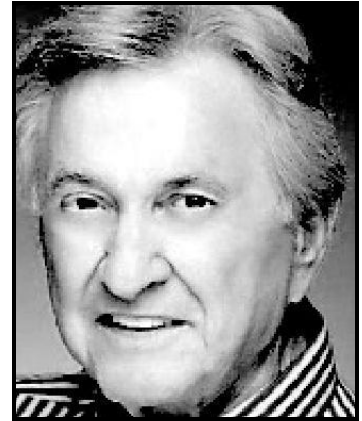


Maurice Wilder

Maurice Wilder, 83, of Largo, passed away June 12, 2016. Maurice was born Feb. 27, 1933 in New Douglas, IL, son of Kenneth and Marie Wilder. He completed his high school education and became the Founder and President of Wilder Corporation of Delaware. He was a self-made, multimillionaire and made his fortune in mobile home parks, commercial farming, and land development. Maurice was also a member of the Republican Inner Circle and attended the inaugural balls of President Reagan, President Bush, and President George W. Bush.



He leaves behind his long-time partner, Mary Carotenuto; and his former wife and friend, Kathy Wilder. He is also survived by his daughters, Veronica, Maurine, and Tiffany Wilder; son, Colby Maurice Wilder; grandchildren, Bryant Thomas, Daniel and Joshua Hinchee, Melody Bancroft, Cassidy, Cloe, and Berkley Wilder; great-grandchildren, Teagan and Savannah Hinchee.

He was born and raised as a farmer and never lost the love of farming, owning tens of thousands of acres of soybean and corn farmland. Maurice said, "I like to see the corn come up, see it grow, and harvested. I like to see the nature play."

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to a charity of your choice . A visitation will be Friday, June 17, 6-9 pm, at Heritage United Methodist Church, 2680 Landmark Drive, Clearwater. A celebration of life will be held at Heritage United Methodist Church, Saturday, June 18, 1 pm, with a burial to follow at Sylvan Abbey Memorial Park.

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