

Dr. "Bud" Wilburn T. Elrod

1926 – 2013

TERRE HAUTE Dr. "Bud" Wilburn Thomas Elrod passed peacefully on Saturday, June 1, 2013, at the age of 86. He was born Oct. 6, 1926, in Indianapolis, to Merritt and Roxanne Elrod.

He was preceded in death by his parents; and brother, Carl Robert Elrod. Survivors include his wife of 64 years, Jeanette (Jan) Elrod; son, Gary Elrod of Rogers, Ark.; daughter, Leslie Elrod-Suttle and her husband Sam Suttle; stepgrandsons, Andrew and Jordan Suttle. Other survivors include sister-in-law, Helen Elrod; nephew, Mark Elrod; nieces, Robin Clare and Brenda Hegel; nephews, Brent and Vince Smith, Keith, Kevin and Kyle Winton; and niece, Cindy Winton Remley.

Bud started school in Warren Township and graduated from Franklin Township High School. Following graduation, Bud joined the U.S. Army, serving two years as a musician, and was discharged as a T/4. After discharge he pursued his interest in education by graduating from Jordan College of Music, Butler University, with bachelor's and master's degrees. He later received his Doctorate in Education from the University of Illinois.

Private graveside services will be held Wednesday morning at Roselawn Memorial Park. A celebration of life will be held at 1 p.m. on Wednesday, June 5, 2013, at Maple Avenue United Methodist Church, 1203 Maple Ave. in Terre Haute with a gathering of family and friends from noon until service time. Greiner Funeral Home, 2005 N. 13th St. in Terre Haute assisted. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to Maple Avenue United Methodist Church or Wilburn T. Elrod Secondary Education Scholarship at Indiana State University.