



George Clifton Warlick, Jr.

June 12, 1921 - February 19, 2016

George Clifton Warlick, Jr. died on February 19, 2016 at Jamestown Assisted Living Center, Kingston, Tennessee. He was born June 12, 1921 in Hickory, North Carolina to Dennice Leila Warlick (née Yelton) and George Clifton Warlick.

George attended public schools in Hickory, North Carolina and received a BA degree majoring in business administration from Lenoir-Rhyne College in 1942. George enrolled in graduate school at Duke University and earned a MA in Economics. In May 1943, he accepted a job with the Tennessee Eastman Corporation in the Personnel Department in Knoxville, Tennessee being told only the he would “help the war effort”. Later that summer his department was transferred to Oak Ridge.

George worked at the atomic energy installations in Oak Ridge thereafter retiring in 1985. From 1942-1946 he was at Y-12. He then transferred to the Oak Ridge National Laboratory (X-10) where he worked sequentially in the Health Physics Division, the Methods and Systems Division, the Chemistry Division, and the Reactor Chemistry Division. In 1972 he assumed the position from which he retired, Finance Manager in the office of the Associate Director for Nuclear and Engineering Technologies at ORNL.

In 1945, he married Virginia “Ginny” Helen Davis of Clarksburg, West Virginia

who moved to Oak Ridge, where together they had three children before moving to Kingston in 1952. They were married for 67 years until her death in 2013.

George was an active member of his community from the time he was in high school. He was a member of Boy Scout Troop No. 1 in Hickory, the oldest active scout troop in the U.S., and earned the Eagle Scout rank. He was a member and business manager of the Lenoir-Rhyne College A Cappella Choir, and publishing manager and editor-in-chief of a campus social commentary magazine.

In Oak Ridge George was the Chairman of the Tennessee Boy Scouts region, and belonged to the Rotary Club from 1948-1954. He also helped organize the Oak Ridge Community Chest.

When George moved to Kingston, he participated in the organization of the Kingston Rotary Club, which was chartered in 1954. During his 62 years as a member he served as its Charter President and held other offices including Treasurer. He also served as the District Secretary for 15 years, and both George and his wife were Paul Harris Fellows. Under his leadership the Kingston Rotary Club organized the Roane County Community Chest (now the United Way of Roane County) and George served as Treasurer for many years. When he retired from ORNL he served the Roane State Foundation as a full board member and Treasurer. The Foundation joined with the Rotary Club in 2010 in celebrating his community contributions and the County Executive of Roane County proclaimed January 12, 2012 George Warlick Day.

With his wife, George joined Bethel Presbyterian Church in December 1952 where he sang in the choir, taught Sunday school, was a member of the Board of Trustees, and served as a faithful member until his death.

George's parents, his wife, Ginny, and a sister, Elizabeth Warlick Green preceded him in death. Survivors include two brothers, Norman Gene (Ann) of Cherryville, North Carolina and Charles Henry Warlick (Suzanne) of Nacogdoches, Texas; three children, George C. Warlick, III (Cynthia) of Knoxville, Daniel D. Warlick (Gail) of Nashville, and Jennifer L. Warlick (David M. Betson) of South Bend, Indiana; and seven grandchildren, Melissa L. Warlick of Knoxville, Erik D. Warlick of Boca Raton FL, Katie G. Warlick of Nashville, Samuel A. Warlick of Washington, DC, Nicholas W. Betson of Brooklyn, NY, Elizabeth W. Betson of South Bend, IN, and Andrew W. Betson of Moscow, ID. One great grandson is Carson Warlick of Boca Raton, FL.

Memorial services will be held at Bethel Presbyterian Church, Kingston, TN on Saturday, March 5, 2016 at 3:30 pm. Remains will be interred in Bethel Memorial Garden. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be given to the Roane State Foundation, 276 Patton Lane, Harriman, TN 37748, (<https://www.roanestate.edu/?8681-Donate-to-the-Roane-State-Foundation>), or to the Rotary International Foundation (<https://www.rotary.org/myrotary/en/take-action/give>).

Previous Events

Memorial Service

MAR 5. 3:30 PM (ET)

Bethel Presbyterian Church
203 South Kentucky Street
Kingston, TN 37763