

WARREN E. BUCKEY
(1926-2012)

Warren E. Buckey was born May 17, 1926 in Barberton, Ohio. The son of a Methodist minister serving many communities, he spent his childhood in locations throughout the State of Ohio, and he was a graduate of Akron Buchtel High School. His bachelor's degree was from Baldwin Wallace University, and he received his J.D. from Case Western Reserve University. He was admitted to the Ohio bar in 1951.

Warren's professional career started in Toledo at the law firm of Eastman, Stichter, Smith & Bergman, where he became a partner in 1961. He next became the financial and administrative VP of Donovan Wire & Iron, and he then became Managing Partner of the Toledo office of Arthur Young & Co. for about 10 years, retiring as a senior partner in 1988. He later was Of Counsel with the law firm of Shumaker, Loop & Kendrick.

One of his sons said that: whether as a lawyer or a CPA with a public accounting firm, "what he enjoyed most was working with companies and helping them work through their issues. He had a great interest in helping businesses grow." His legal and accounting training allowed him to examine business issues from several points of view.

Warren's strong belief in "giving back" was demonstrated by his extensive community service, including the Chair of the Board of Trustees of the University of Toledo and on the UT Foundation Board, the Sienna Heights College Board of Trustees, Co-Chair of the City of Toledo Committee of 100 at the request of then Mayor Donna Owens, President of the Board of Trustees of Epworth Assembly, Ludington, Michigan, President of Windemere Homeowners Association, Naples, Florida, and member of the Board of Blue Cross/Blue Shield and Trustcorp Inc. He was also a trustee of the Toledo-Lucas County Convention & Visitors Bureau, and a President of the Downtown Coaches Association.

He was a long-standing member of Epworth United Methodist Church in Toledo and served as Chairman of its Pastor/Parish Committee. As an avid golfer and tennis player, he was a member of the Toledo Country Club and the Toledo Club. He and his wife Jan lived in Toledo for nearly 50 years and they most recently resided in Naples, Florida. Warren spent all 87 summers of his life at his beloved home in Epworth Heights, Ludington, Michigan.

Warren was a devoted husband, father, grandfather, friend and business colleague who is missed by many. He passed away October 2, 2012 following a brief illness. He leaves behind his wife Mary Janet and their children: son John Buckey, with wife Amy and children, daughter Janice Cain, with husband Kelly and children, son Keith, with wife Robin and children, son Jay, with wife Carolyn and children, and son Scott, with wife Laura and children, as well as his brothers Merwyn and the Rev. David Buckey.

Respectfully submitted by the Committee: Tom Pletz, Chair
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