



## Karl Wise

December 1, 1929 - November 25, 2011

### Obituary of Karl Wise

Karl E. Wise, 81, of Leesburg, FL passed away November 25, 2011 in Leesburg. He was born December 1, 1929 in Columbus, Ohio. Predeceased by his mother, Mary Jane McClerry, his father, Karl E. Wise, and brother Nicholas Wise.

He is survived by his wife of 43 years, Charleene Wise; sons Jefferson Wise, wife Sandy of Hillard, OH, Kristian Wise of Tahoe City, CA, and Dean Brown, wife Julie of Ashville, OH; daughters Jennifer Berardi of Columbus, OH, Karyl Rhodes, husband Joseph Bo of Kitty Hawk, NC and Michelle Barrios, husband Mark of Wooster, OH. He was also survived by sister Rae Mangan, husband Cliff of Gwynedd, PA, brother Michael Wise of Planto, TX; 13 grandchildren, 1 great-grandchild and several nieces and nephews.

Karl obtained his degree from Ohio State University while working for the Ohio Department of Health, Division of Vital Statistics in Columbus, Ohio where he started in 1948. In 1984, he retired as Chief of Vital Statistics for the state of Ohio after 36 years of service and relocated to the Outer Banks of NC.

He also owned and operated various enterprises with his brother Nick Wise, including Blue Ribbon Academy in Columbus, Ohio which consisted of preschools, day camps, and Eckels Lake.

He served as a public health research consultant, a nosologist, performing occupational mortality research for over 40years.

Karl was an avid reader, historian and golfer. He was actively involved in every community in which he lived, from teaching first aid and water safety class for the American Red Cross, to volunteering as an interpreter at Roanoke Island Festival Park in Manteo, NC.

He most recently attended Morrison United Methodist Church in Leesburg. An active member of the United Methodist Church all of his life, including Kitty Hawk United Methodist Church on the Outer Banks of NC.

A family memorial service will be held on the Outer Banks of NC. In lieu of flowers donations may be sent to the Salvation Army of Leesburg, FL or Kids Against Hunger, PO Box 178, Tavares, FL 32778 or [www.kahtavares.org](http://www.kahtavares.org).

## Services

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## In Lieu of Flowers

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Karl Wise*

October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ *Such a dear, dear man, husband, father, and grandfather. I am so glad that our lives intersected. Special prayers and thoughts go out to Charleene and Karyl and her family. May the Lord see you through this and keep Karl close in your hearts and memories forever.*

**Ann Smith** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ *Charleene and Family, I was so sorry to hear of Karl's passing. It had been so long since we had talked and I was so happy to get to talk with him a month or two ago. What a nice man Karl was. God bless all of you. You are in my prayers. Sharon*

**Sharon Burch** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ *I was so very sorry to read about Karl's passing. Karl and Charleen were so kind to me when I first came to teach at Kitty Hawk School in 1984, and I enjoyed seeing them at church for many years. (I was sad when they moved to Florida.) I'm sending love and sympathy along with prayers for the family. Love, Sharon*

**Sharon Davis** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM