



Wendell F. Husebo

August 18, 1927 - December 5, 2014

Obituary of Wendell Husebo

Wendell "Wendy" F. Husebo, 87, passed away on December 4, 2014, in Leesburg, Florida, following a long battle with Parkinson's disease. Born on August 18, 1927, in Minneapolis, Minnesota, to Andrew and Esther Husebo, Wendy was the younger of two children. He married Jean Thorsellon June 1, 1950, in Minneapolis-St. Paul. The young couple moved to Leesburg, Florida, in 1951.

A man of deep faith, Wendy's first order of business upon arrival in Leesburg was to chair the steering committee of Gloria Dei Lutheran Church. (Wendy and Jean were charter members of the church, and Wendy later served for many years as the church's superintendent.) In November 1951, Wendy and his brother Paul purchased WLBE radio station. The two brothers also acquired the local baseball team, The Leesburg Packers, which later became known as The Lakers. In 1953, he was recognized as the "Most Outstanding Young Man of Leesburg" and also received the Distinguished Service Award from the Leesburg Jaycees.

With a passion for business and for making things happen, Wendy and Jean

founded Husebo Advertising, which later became Husebo Advertising and Public Relations, in 1962. Highlights of Wendy's nearly 60-year career included pitching a winning presentation to Roy Disney with Walt Disney World for Florida Telephone and orchestrating the grand openings of both Citizens National Bank of Leesburg and Leesburg Regional Medical Center. He was known for having a way with words and was deeply respected for standing firmly behind those of his own.

Despite the demands of his rapidly growing business, Wendy always made time to serve his beloved community. Some of his contributions included serving two terms as president of Silver Lake Golf and Country Club; serving as a director of Citizens National Bank of Leesburg; and serving as a member of the Lake County Executives Club. In 2009, Wendy was inducted into the Lake County Community Service Awards Hall of Fame.

Wendy was a proud Rotarian for more than 60 years, and he served two terms as president of the Leesburg Rotary Club, 1958 and 1962. He was named a Paul Harris Fellow in 1987, eventually becoming a Triple Paul Harris Fellow. He was named Rotarian of the Year for 1998-99 and was the club's songleader for over 50 years. In recognition of his enduring devotion, the Wendell F. Husebo Rotary Scholarship was created in March 2012.

A Florida Gator through and through, Wendy was an active member of the Lake County Gator Club for many years. His other favorite pastimes included tennis, running, and spending time with all of his family.

Wendy is survived by his children, Larry Husebo, wife Sara Vaughan Husebo;

Lanny Husebo, wife Jacqueline Swiderski Husebo; Sandra Husebo Odom, husband

Stephen Odom; grandchildren, Tyler Husebo with wife Melissa Silengo Husebo;

Joel Husebo; Benjamin Husebo and wife Ayslinn Herndon; Brian Husebo and wife Lisa Husebo; Lancee Kurcab and husband Nathanael Kurcab; L. Wendell Husebo;

Sophia Husebo; Caroline Husebo; Wendy Johnston; Stephanie Fiscarelli and husband TJ Fiscarelli; Leslie Stevens and husband Patrick Stevens; great grandchildren; Kyla & Cole Husebo; Easton & Hollis Husebo; Rhiannon, Joseph,

Daniel, Timothy Husebo, Samuel Husebo; Allyson Johnston; Troy, Turner, Thomas Fiscarelli; and Brady Stevens and was predeceased by his wife, Jean.

A memorial service will be held at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church in Leesburg on Wednesday, December 10, 2014, at 10:00 a.m. There will be a viewing at Beyer's Funeral Home in Leesburg on Tuesday evening, December 9, from 5pm - 7pm. If preferred, in lieu of flowers, the family suggests that donations be made in Wendy's name to: Mount Dora Christian Home & Bible School. Please visit the following website for more information...www.chbs.org. Online condolences may be left at www.beyersfuneralhome.com.

Arrangements entrusted to Beyers Funeral Home and Crematory, Leesburg,

FL.

Tribute Wall

RL

“ Larry, Lanny and Sandy: My thoughts are with you as we say goodbye to a guy I always respected and considered "Father of the Year" as we were growing up. I'm thankful Mount Dora had him as a respected role model for our formative years. He made an impact on more people than you may ever know. Take Care, Robbie Leonard

Robbie Leonard - December 10, 2014 at 12:00 AM

BF

“ I was sorry to learn of Wendy's death. He was admired for his faith, love of family, dedication to his community and his personal responsibility in business. I feel fortunate to have known him.

Bob Fallin - December 09, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ Our family was so saddened to hear of the passing of Mr. Wendy. Please know that our thoughts and prayers are with you and yours in this difficult time. He will be missed. ❤️

John and Pam Michael & family - December 09, 2014 at 12:00 AM

CB

“ My condolences to your family. Wendy was "Mr. Leesburg" and will be sorely missed by all who knew him.

Cathye Bouis - December 09, 2014 at 12:00 AM

HG

“ So sorry to hear of your lost. I worked with Wendy for many year through WACXTV and grew to love and appreciate him.

Huland and Carol Gentry - December 09, 2014 at 12:00 AM

DB

“ Dear Husebo family, I just wanted to say how much I thought of your Dad. As a boy growing up with Lanny I thought Mr. Husebo was one of the best Dads in the world. He was the original jogger if not the poster boy for jogging. I can remember him coming home from work and playing quarterback for both sides in our afternoon sandlot football games and then going off to run. Good memories of a fine man and Dad. Just 2 questions, How come all of Larry's friends the older kids were on one team and all of Lanny's friends the younger kids were on the other team? Very one sided games. Also why was Sandy always on our team? Blessings to all, David Bryie

David Bryie - December 09, 2014 at 12:00 AM

SS

“ So sorry to hear about your loss. Wendy Husebo was a wonderful man and it was my joy to work with him, Jean, Lanny and all of his team at HA during my years with SECO. He will be missed here, but now enters his eternal rest and joins heaven's choir.

Sandra Staton - December 08, 2014 at 12:00 AM

SS

“ My condolences to the Husebo family. Wendy was the definition of gentleman, kind, and soft spoken. My mother Linda had the privilege of working with Wendy for many years as a director of Citizens National Bank. She always spoke very highly of Wendy and his talents. I know he will be missed, my thoughts and prayers are with you.

Shar Spradlin - December 08, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JP

“ Dear Larry, Sarah, Lanny, Jacqueline, Sandy and Steve and families -- Your dear dad and a dear friend of mine will sure be missed, but I'm fortunate to say I have over 25 years of special memories with a very caring and sharing person. Thank you for sharing both your parents with me. Much love and lots of prayers for all of you. Judy and Fred Parker

Judy and Fred Parker - December 08, 2014 at 12:00 AM

MA

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with all the family. Such joy to know that eternity is right around the corner, where there will be no longer any separation from those that we love.

Mary Kay Demro Armstrong - December 08, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JK

“ Mr. Husebo was a true Christian gentleman. Anytime I ever saw him he was smiling and always had a kind word for everyone he spoke to. I remember a time I saw him at Leesburg Regional Hospital and he was dressed to "the Nine's" he was there on his daily visit to patients in the hospital. When he saw me he of course had sweet things to say and he said he was there today to see my Dad who had just had open heart surgery. It was such a kind gesture and he had a nice visit with my Dad. He and Mrs. Husebo raised 3 wonderful Christian children who will carry on their kind and generous examples. So his legacy of kindness, generosity and love for others will live on forever through his descendants. Our condolences and sincere sympathy to the entire Husebo family.

Joe and Linda Kennedy - December 08, 2014 at 12:00 AM

HM

“ My love and prayers go to Sandy, Larry and Lanny and there family's for the Loss of their father. It was such a pleasure driving Mr. Wendy around for 4 years and learning about this awesome Christian man and the people he touched. I could not take him anyplace without running into someone who knew and admired Him from their past. He has touched my life and the life of my family and our Thanksgivings together will always be treasured. You will always be in my heart.

Helen Meyer - December 08, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ Wendell F. Husebo

December 07, 2014 at 12:00 AM

GC

“ I waited on Mr. Husebo at the Olive Garden in Leesburg for years. He was an old school gentleman. The whole staff loved him. I'll miss him very much. He didn't like the beans in the pasta fagoli. His wife was great too. I was a little emotional in front of his family today. Some things can't be helped.

gordon cheyne - December 07, 2014 at 12:00 AM