



Anderson Kelley

March 25, 1925 - March 1, 2014

Anderson “Andy” Kelley, 88, of Naples, FL died Saturday, March 1, 2014 at Bentley Village Health Care Center. He was born March 25, 1925 in Chicago, IL. Being a child of the depression and because of his Father’s death when Andy was only 9, he lived in NY, MI, AL, LA and Springfield, MA where he and his Mother finally settled in 1935.

Andy attended Classical High School in Springfield and immediately after graduation in 1943 he enlisted in the Air Corps. He became one of the first enlisted bombardiers in the Air Force, and flew 35 combat missions over Germany. Despite being shot down during the “Battle of the Bulge” in the winter of 1945, Andy survived and was discharged in October of 1945 and married his High School sweetheart, Gloria McElderry in December.

He graduated with honors from American International College in 1948 and did a year of graduate work at Springfield College before being forced to find a job because the GI Bill ran out and Gloria got pregnant.

His first job was as a YMCA Secretary in Boston and while he loved the work, low pay and 3 children forced him to get a real job. He entered the Insurance business in Philadelphia in 1957. After his company was taken over by a larger company in 1964 he was forced to move his family to Chicago, where he rose to become President and CEO of United Insurance Company of

America. When United was taken over by a large conglomerate Andy retired – briefly – then went to Atlanta as president of a much smaller Insurance Company owned by the Dutch where he retired for good in 1990 and moved to Wyndemere Country Club in Naples.

Andy and Gloria took up golf when they moved to Florida because he needed to keep busy and his knees kept him from playing tennis more than 3 or 4 times a week. He was an indifferent golfer and an enthusiastic and competitive tennis player which he played in spite of two artificial knees. The athletic achievement of which he was most proud was being named All American in Volleyball and he was a member of the American team at the Pan American games.

Andy and Gloria made their last move in 2005 to Bentley Village in Naples. Andy is survived by Gloria, his wife of 66 years; his sons, Chuck of Weston, FL, Pete of Safety Harbor, FL; daughter, Marty of Olathe, KS; 7 grandchildren and 7 great grandchildren.

Arrangements are being handled by Shikany's Bonita Funeral Home.

Tribute Wall



“ *Anderson Kelley*

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Anderson served from here during WWII*

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