



Earl C. Bird

April 22, 1945 - July 7, 2020

Earl C. Bird, 75, of Estero, FL passed away Tuesday, July 7, 2020 at Gulf Coast Medical Center in Fort Myers, FL. Formerly of Barrington, IL he had been a resident of Estero since 2003. Earl was born April 22, 1945 in Ann Arbor, MI a son of the late Donald E. and Nan Rose (Frazer) Bird.

He was a graduate of Ferris State University where he earned his Bachelor of Business Administration Degree. His career was spent working at Metropolitan Chicago Healthcare Council, retiring as CEO in 2006.

As an avid golfer, Earl was a former member of the Biltmore Country Club in North Barrington, IL and was currently a member of Shadow Wood Country Club in Estero. He also enjoyed watching Michigan State University Football and was a passionate fan of the Chicago Bears.

Survivors include his beloved wife of 51 years, Phyllis M. (Bell) Bird; loving sons, Kyle Bird of Babcock Ranch, FL and Jamison (Elli Becker) Bird of Livingston, MT; brother, Rodney (Rosemarie) Bird of Brighton, MI; and cherished grandson, Lewis Earl Bird.

Funeral service will be private.

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

Tribute Wall



“ *Earl C. Bird*

October 09, 2023 at 03:40 AM



“ *Phyllis,*

*This is Jeannie Huffman from many yrs ago in Palatine, Ill.
I hope you will get this as it is Dec. many months after Earl's death.
We just found out about this and am so sorry. We were zooming last
night with Kamens, Shearers and Garasics and we were wondering
how you all were doing. Bob S. found Earl's obituary. It has been
many years but we remember the fun we had on not mush money in
Palatine.*

*I will never forget you comment about bridge 'one peak is worth two
finesses' a classic that I have repeated often.*

*Thinking of you and your family,
Jeannie and Kim Huffman
jeanhuffman43@gmail.com*

j huffman - December 04, 2020 at 10:52 AM



“ *Hello Phyllis, I just found out of Earl's passing. My heart goes out to
you. My fondest memory of Earl is dancing with him in the Biltmore
Follies, such fun and he was a great dancer. My condolences to you
and your kids. , Colleen Boncosky.*

Colleen Boncosky - October 16, 2020 at 11:05 PM

GM

“ To Phyllis and family: Lynn and I want to express our condolences to you on the sudden loss of Earl. He was a great leader in health care in Chicago, Illinois and the nation. it was a great pleasure to work with him in my years at Northwestern Memorial. He represented his members and the field with great skill and integrity. We also have fond memories of our social interactions including the occasional golf outing with the four of us.

I hope your positive memories of your many years together will comfort you at this time of loss and the years ahead.

Fondly,

Gary and Lynn Mecklenburg

Gary Mecklenburg - July 17, 2020 at 01:01 PM

KR

“ Phyllis, I am so saddened to learn of Earl's death. Mike and Jennifer Reese just sent an email telling us. Earl and I shared so many years together with the Illinois hospital community and I always had the greatest respect and affection for him. My condolences to you and your sons.

Ken Robbins

Ken Robbins - July 16, 2020 at 06:01 PM

KR

“ Family of Earl Bird - I would like to extend my sincere condolences to each of you. I worked at MCHC beginning in 1986 under his leadership and it was always a pleasure working for him. God bless and keep each of you during these times.

Kelly (Thomas) Ray

Kelly Ray - July 13, 2020 at 01:30 PM

LB

“ Hello Phyllis and family, Jerry and I are so sorry to read of Earl's passing. We send our deepest condolences. We still remember the fun days at Biltmore CC with the two of you. Earl was such a lovely guy. I also remember working with both of you with great fondness. I loved your house there at the end of the lane in Oaksbury. Please take care of yourself Phyllis and give yourself as much time as you need to grieve. May your memories sustain you. Love Linda & Jerry Brown

Linda LaRue Brown - July 12, 2020 at 10:45 AM

ET

“ Phyllis,
Rosalie and I were stunned and saddened to read of Earl's passing. He was a great guy, and we had a wonderful rapport - importantly as we were the only "Earls" in ShadowWood.
If we can be of any assistance during this rough time, don't hesitate to contact us at Bentley. My cellphone number remains the same.
Earl & Rosalie

Earl Timmons - July 12, 2020 at 08:10 AM