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Brothers,

It is with sadness that I report the passing of one of our members, David W. Wiley. Brother Wiley passed away on July 17, 2010. Brother Wiley was a long time member of the Ben Harrison Camp and served as camp secretary for many years. He also served the Department of Indiana in various offices including the editor of the department newsletter, the Indiana Legion. Brother Wiley was one of the first members that I met when I became a member of the Sons in 2001. I always enjoyed his fellowship and his valuable counsel on matters pertaining to the order. He will certainly be missed. I have attached a copy of his obituary to this letter. The camp charter, website, and membership badges will be draped for a period of 30 days.

Ordered this 2nd day of September 2010.

Timothy J. Beckman
Camp Commander
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David Waterman Wiley

David Waterman Wiley, 81

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David Waterman Wiley, 81, died in Bloomington on July 17, 2010. Dr. Wiley, actor, director, designer, professor of theatre, and civil libertarian, began his interest in theatre at an early age.

Born in Boston, he grew up in Westborough, Massachusetts, where as a teenager he was actor and technician at the Red Barn Playhouse. He attended Emerson College, receiving a bachelor's degree in Literary Interpretation in 1950. During his undergraduate years, he was a founding member of Group Twenty Players, a summer theatre company in Union, Connecticut. After returning from military service in Germany during the Korean War, he rejoined the company as actor and lighting designer for two seasons of summer stock at Theatre-on-the-Green at Wellesley College.

At The University of Virginia, Charlottesville, he earned his master's degree in Education, with an emphasis on theatre and speech, in 1955. He remained in Virginia to be assistant professor of speech and drama at Longwood, a woman's college in Farmville, where he was advisor and director for The Longwood Players and taught a variety of theatre classes for eleven years. At Longwood, he encouraged racial integration of the campus theatre and supported integration of the Prince Edward County public schools, a conflict raging at the time.

By invitation of his mentor at UVA, J. Jeffery Auer, who had moved to Indiana University, Wiley was invited to be an assistant professor in the Department of Theatre and Speech while he worked on his PhD. At I.U., he directed several plays, and taught acting, oral interpretation, directing, play production, and theatre history.

In 1973, Wiley accepted a position as Associate Professor at the University of Hawaii at Hilo, where he completed his dissertation on Phillip Moeller, early 20th century American theatre director, and finished up the PhD, received in 1974 from Indiana University.

In 1975, Dr. Wiley returned to the mainland to be head of the Department of Theatre and Speech at The University of Tennessee Chattanooga, where he attained the rank of full Professor. Once again, he gave time and support to the cause of civil rights, serving on the local, state, and national boards of the American Civil Liberties Union. He remained at UTC until his retirement in 1996, when he and his wife, Anna, returned to Bloomington, where they had met in graduate school.

In addition to working on a genealogy and Civil War history project about his grandfather, Ephraim W. Wiley, captain, Company H, Eighth Maine Volunteers, Wiley continued his interest in civil rights and joined the Bloomington and Indiana state boards of the ACLU.

Dr. Wiley married Anna Applegate Wiley in 1959 while they were teaching at Longwood College. They had four children: Peter Ross Wiley of Lewisburg, Pennsylvania; Richard Ingals Wiley of Bloomington; Christopher David Wiley and Katherine Wiley Winesett of Minneapolis, Minnesota. Grandchildren Joanna and Ross Wiley and daughter-in-law Jennifer Sacher Wiley live in Lewisburg. Addie Winesett and son-in-law Eric Winesett live in Minneapolis. Wiley also leaves a sister, Jane Wiley Rappaport of Watchung, New Jersey.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Foundation of the American Civil Liberties Union of Indiana. A memorial service is planned.