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William R. Wyatt, 92 years, of , Maumee passed away Friday January 9, 2009 in the Elizabeth Scott Care Center. He was a member of the Greatest Generation.

Bill was born in Toledo, January 23, 1916. In 1933, he was in the first graduating class of the former DeVilbiss High School where he lettered in three sports. As a member of the track team in his senior year, Bill competed in the Mansfield Relays running against the legendary Olympian, Jesse Owens.

He attended the University of Toledo, and was a member of the Sigma Beta Phi fraternity. Bill was a WWII veteran serving 4 ? years in the Army Air Corp as a Radio Operations Gunner on B-17's and B-29's.

A former Vice President of C.I.T. Financial Corporation, Bill headed their Factory Relations department, as well as their Mobile Home Special Products Division for the entire U.S. Included among his close business friends were such men as Lee Iacocca, George Romney, John Ricardo (former CEO and Chairman of the Board of Chrysler Corp.) and Roy Chapin (former CEO and Chairman of the Board of American Motors Corp.) He took early retirement in

December of 1971.

In 1979, Bill moved to Vero Beach, Florida where he subsequently purchased a condominium and then became active in proposing laws and creating guidelines for all aspects of condominium development, construction standards, sales practices and ownership management issues.

In 1991, the Community Service Association for the State of Florida named him "Man of the Year." Mr. Wyatt was president of the Vero Beach Chapter of the Treasure Coast Communities, as well as president of the parent chapter for four years serving Vero Beach, Stuart, West Palm Beach and Jupiter, Florida.

Mr. Wyatt was appointed by then Governor of Florida, Bob Martinez, to the State of Florida Condominium Study Commission which traveled the state with meetings that prompted 67 changes in the law. Many of these changes are still in effect in Florida.

In 1988, he co-founded Condominium Owners of Florida, the only state-wide association for all condominiums in Florida. His efforts affected the Hurricane section of the state's condominium law. He helped form and establish two non-profit companies in the state, The Exterior Glass Protection Agency and The National Building Protection Council of which he became president with offices in the Garden Plaza building in Palm Beach Gardens, Florida.

Bill was a member of the Inverness Club and the Vero Beach Country Club. A Mason for over 60 years, he was a 32nd degree Mason belonging to the Sylvania Pyramid Lodge. He was married 31 years to his first wife, Dorothy, who died in an auto accident in 1974. He married Jeanne Wearley in 1975 and she passed away in 1998. Surviving are his son, D. Jeffrey Wyatt , Raleigh, NC, stepson Stephen Wearley, Westfield, NJ and stepdaughter, Linda Wearley, Denver, CO along with five grandsons, one granddaughter and five great grandchildren. His dear friend and companion, Clara Tanner, will sadly miss him.

Friends may visit at the Coyle Funeral Home, 1770 S. Reynolds Rd., on Wednesday from 10a.m. until the time of the funeral service at 12p.m.

Interment will follow in Ottawa Hills Memorial Park