



Dr. Wilbur Mason Isiminger

November 24, 1917 - September 28, 2014

Dr. Wilbur Mason Isiminger, age 96, entered into eternal peace surrounded by his loving family, on Sunday, September 28, 2014 at the residence of his son, Thomas and daughter-in-law, Barbara, in Dillonvale, OH, where "Mason" called home since 2013.

He was born November 24, 1917 in Greene County, Pa to George and Maggie Griffith-McCracken Isiminger.

Mason grew up and resided in Moundsville, WV for almost his entire life. His Alma Mater was the former Moundsville High School, from which he graduated in 1936. After high school, he attended West Liberty State College where he received a Bachelors of Science in Advanced Mathematics in 1940. He began teaching at Moundsville High School and then Linsly Military Academy before joining the Air Force in 1941 and serving for 5 years. He served as a courier under General Harold "Hap" Arnold in the Pacific theater. He later transferred to the 9th Army Air Force in England. He eventually served in France after the D day invasion and was in combat during the Battle of the Bulge. He was discharged honorably in 1945, achieving the rank of Captain. Upon completion of his military service, Mason went on to further his education at the Northern Illinois College of Optometry in Chicago, from which he graduated in 1948 with a doctorate in Optometry. He returned to Moundsville and started his private Optometry practice in 1948, which he successfully ran for 53 years before retiring in October of 2001.

Mason married Valta Miller in 1949 in Wheeling, WV. Both preferring pet

names to their given names, they lovingly called each other Ding and Suzie and were happily and faithfully married for 49 years. Being very social in nature, they enjoyed a large circle of friends and especially Summer Dances at the Pine Room featuring Big Band Music.

Mason was a member of Simpson United Methodist Church; was an avid reader and enjoyed Bowling on the Elk's Team; deer and turkey hunting, and golfing at the Moundsville Country Club.

Everywhere he went, Mason had a different nickname. A member of the Moundsville Lions Club, "Doc" was famous for his humor, and also served as past president, as well as Lion #1, the Chapter's oldest member. "Ike" was on the WV State Board of Optometry, as well as a member of the WV Optometric Association, where he served as past president.

He was preceded in death by his parents; 5 siblings; his beloved wife, Suzie; and their infant children, James and Beth.

Mason is survived by his son, John R., and wife, Joan of League City, TX; his son, Thomas and wife, Barbara of Dillonvale, OH; his daughter, Karen Isiminger of Dillonvale, and his three grandchildren, Cameron, Mariel, and Sophia Isiminger.

A Celebration of his Life will be held at a later date, at the convenience of the family.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorial donations be made to Valley Hospice, 10686 State Route 150, Rayland, OH 43943.

Tribute Wall

BB

“ *John R, Tom, and Karen, I am so sorry about the loss of your dad. He was a very special person and I remember him well. I know that God will keep him in his care forever. I hope you remember me, too. I grew up down the hill from you. Beverly Coffield Burns*

Beverly Burns - January 25, 2015 at 12:49 PM

CC

“ *Very sorry for your loss. Doc was a very good neighbor and we will miss him. The Catlett Family*



carla catlett - October 02, 2014 at 06:22 PM

PW

“ *Dear Isiminger Family,
Dr. Ike was a kind friend & colleague who served his country & our profession well. His contributions will be long remembered. May God grant you all peace & comfort.
Dr. Patricia Wylie*

patricia wylie - October 01, 2014 at 10:28 PM



“ *May you come to know that the love of God is with you always,*

May your memories of Dr. Wilbur Mason Isiminger, give you peace, comfort and strength...

Rest now in the arms of our Lord your work on earth is complete.

I thank you for your service to our Country and for my Freedom

You will not be forgotten. My thoughts and prayers are with the family of.....

US Air Force/ Army Air Corps Veteran, Wilbur Mason Isiminger, “A True American Hero” God Bless†

† Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. John 15:13 †

Cheryl Skinner, Tri-state Military Museum - October 01, 2014 at 08:06 AM

HJ

“ *To the Isiminger family... I knew Dr. Isiminger from the time I was a small child. He was a very good friend to my father. I believe they had gone to school together at West Liberty and they remained good friends throughout my dad's life. My whole family were patients of "Ding", as Mom and Dad called him, and I can not remember a nicer, more conscientious person.*

When going to an appointment with Dr. Isiminger, I would be regaled with stories of his service during World War II and of his college days. I remember that he was also very proud of the golf hole in one that he had accomplished. My father died in 2001, but if he were still alive, I know he would be missing Ding today. My sincere condolences to the entire family.

H Paul Garvin, Jr. - October 01, 2014 at 06:24 AM