

Wendle L. Kerr, 75

Dec. 16, 1917 — March 23, 1993

IOWA CITY — Wendle L. Kerr, son of Leonard Louls and Clara Carolyn Wendle Kerr, was born Dec. 16, 1917 in Harlan. A 1936 graduate of Humboldt High School, he entered the University of Iowa in 1937, where he was designated as a Finkbine student and graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in pharmacy in 1941. He entered the U.S. Army in 1941 and served on active duty in WW II until 1946.

April 10, 1943 he married Mary Eleanor Smith. He joined the Army Reserve in 1946 and retired as a Lieutenant Colonel in 1978 after 37 years of military service. He joined the University of Iowa pharmacy faculty in 1946 and received his Master of Science degree in 1950. He retired from the College of Pharmacy in 1988 as a professor emeritus after 42 years on the faculty. He was a member of Sigma Nu, Sigma Xi, Rho Chi, American Pharmaceutical Association, American Society of Hospital, Pharmacists, Johnson County Pharmaceutical Association, American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy, serving as secretary and treasurer for 17 years, Fifth District National Association of Boards of Pharmacy, First Congregational Church, Johnson County, State of Iowa, and National Reserve Officers Associations, Iowa City Governmental and Military Affairs Committee (chairman), Past member of PTA, Cub Scouts and Iowa City Chamber of Commerce. He was an honorary president of the Iowa Pharmacists Association and was a licensed pharmacist for over 50 years.

He authored and contributed to numerous pharmacy publications and served on numerous university committees. He also served as an advisor to student organizations for many years. He was a president and treasurer of the Iowa Reserve Officer's Association. He taught in the U.S. Army Reserve schools in Cedar Rapids and Davenport for many years. He was a vice president and umpire for Iowa City Little League and Babe Ruth baseball. He was the U. of I. Homecoming Badge Committee Chairman for 6 years. In 1986 he was the recipient of the Will J. Hayek award for outstanding military, professional, and community service. He also served on the Board of Directors of the Johnson County Visiting Nurses Association. He died of cancer March 23, 1993 at University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics.

He was preceded in death by his parents. Survivors are his wife, Eleanor of Iowa City; 2 sons, James of Iowa City; John of Cedar Rapids; and 3 granddaughters. Funeral services were held March 26, 1993 at Donohue-Lensing's with Rev. Timm Davison officiating. Burial in the Oakland cemetery.