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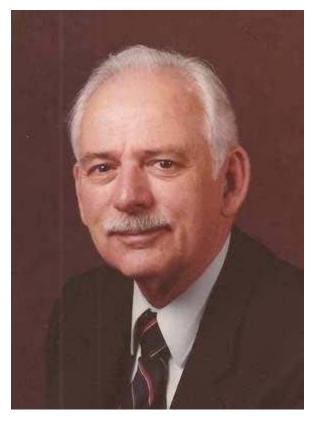


Dr. Lawrence Romie Winchell Jr. Obituary

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Dr. Lawrence Romie Winchell, Jr.

Dr. Lawrence Romie Winchell, Jr. lovingly called by many "Mr. Education" formerly of Port Republic "went home" on May 5 from Friends Village, Woodstown, NJ. He was born on April 28, 1926 in Summit, NJ to Dr. and Mrs. Lawrence Romie (Jane Davis) Winchell. The lives that he touched are numerous...from the students he taught, to those that he mentored along the way. All that knew him enjoyed his quiet, intelligent manner and sense of humor. His family cannot begin to express the example he displayed. After graduating from Vineland High School in 1943 he enlisted in the US Navy and served as an aviation radioman and tail gunner. After serving his country he went to Glassboro State Teachers College where he met his wife Thelma Shappell. They were married for 64 years and enjoyed their three children, Cynthia Scibal (Gary, Lititz, PA), Jacqueline Winchell Gallagher (Gibbstown, NJ), and Lawrence Romie, III (Carol, Canton, NJ),

grandchildren Katharine Scibal Hendrix (Timothy, Bowling Green, KY), Arthur Scibal (Kara, Binan Laguna, Philippines), Lawrence R. IV (Sara, Hancocks Bridge, NJ), Joseph Winchell USN (Alexandra, Norfolk, VA), Steven Gallagher(Gibbstown, NJ); great-grandchildren Tristan Scibal and Pearl Winchell; loving nieces and nephews and their Central United Methodist Church Family, Linwood.

He received his Doctorate of Education degree from Temple University in 1968. His career as an educator spanned over thirty years that went from a teaching principal at the Tabernacle School (Burlington County), Principal in Lumberton, Superintendent of Margate City Schools, Superintendent of Atlantic County Schools, President and President Emeritus of Atlantic Community College. The former Winchell School was established in his name to educate children with special needs...in a time when they had no voice. He was instrumental in the building of the Atlantic County Vocational School in Mays Landing. When gaming was apparent in Atlantic City he developed the Career Gaming Institute and the Culinary Institute at the community college. As a result many were trained for careers in the industry and many returned to the college for degree programs. While his

lifetime awards are too numerous to mention his fondest dream for children was realized when he attended the dedication of the Special Services School in Mays Landing. His favorite verse of scripture was Matthew 25: 40. He was an ham radio operator" K2SOX", former member of SCARA (Southern Counties Amateur Radio Association), and member of the EAA (Experimental Aircraft Association). He enjoyed being a flight instructor and working on his Christmas Tree Farm in Port Republic. In lieu of flowers remembrances may be sent to the Salvation Army 22 S. Texas Avenue, Atlantic City, NJ 08401 or Central United Methodist Church, Linwood.

A visitation will be held on Saturday, May 10, 2014 from 9:30 until 11:30am at Central United Methodist Church, 5 Marvin Avenue, Linwood, NJ 08221. A service will follow at 11:30am. Burial will be held at Friends Central Cemetery, Linwood. Arrangements entrusted to and condolences may be left for the family at adams-perfect.com.

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