Ross Wylie, 83

Ross Wylie, 83, of New Milford, Connecticut, and a longtime resident of Brooklyn, died on Tuesday, August 10, 2004, at his residence.

Visitation will be held from 6-8 p.m. on Tuesday (August 17) at Nevenhoven Funeral Home.

A funeral service will be held at 10 a.m. on Wednesday (August 18) at the Brooklyn Presbyterian Church. Interment will be in the Brooklyn Cemetery.

Ross, the son of Coralie and Leslie Wylie, was born February 5, 1921, in Brooklyn. He graduated from Brooklyn High School in 1938. In 1941, he enlisted in the United States Air Force where he became a pilot and a trainer. He met his future wife, Frances Harper, while both of them were stationed in Amarillo, Texas. They were married on March 17, 1945, in Denver, Colorado.

After he completed his military service, Ross returned to the Brooklyn area to farm. He was recalled for duty during the Korean War, and he remained in the Air Force Reserves until his retirement as a lieutenant colonel in 1981. He continued farming, and he pursued other business interests until his retirement.

Ross was a lifetime member of the Presbyterian Church where he held many positions of leadership. He also was a member of the Masonic Lodge, Shriners and the American Legion.

He was preceded in death by his parents and his sister, Esther Hocker.

He is survived by his wife of 59 years, Frances; his daughter Susan and her husband, Craig Schoon, of Washington Depot, Connecticut; his son Randy and his wife, Betsy, of Whitney, Texas; his granddaughter, Sara Schoon, of Washington Depot; and his grandson, Nathan Wylie, of Austin, Texas.

Memorials in lieu of flowers may be sent to the Nebraska Children's Home Society, 3549 Fontanelle Blvd., Omaha, NE 68104, or the Evan B. Donaldson Adoption Institute, 525 Broadway, Sixth Floor, New York City, NY 10012.