



Obituary for Dwight A. Lund

Dwight Albert Lund, 94 passed away in his sleep Saturday morning, December 29, 2018, at his home in Warrenville Illinois. He had been diagnosed with Pulmonary Fibrosis early in 2018. He was a loving and devoted husband to his wife Vivian of 69 years.

Dwight was born December 7th, 1924, in Warrenville Illinois. He was baptized and confirmed at Trinity Episcopal Church of Wheaton, Il. He attended Seraph Holmes School and graduated from Wheaton Community High School 1942. He attended one semester at Chicago Community College at Navy Pier and continued to help in the family greenhouse and flower shop R.C. Lund's Greenhouse in Warrenville Ill.

Dwight served in the United States Army during WWII from 1943-1946 After training in Virginia he was sent to fight with the 1st Infantry Division. He served with the Military Police Platoon guarding German soldiers during the Nuremberg Trials in Germany and was a member of "The One Hundred", a special team tasked with recovering art works and valuables confiscated by Nazi forces.

Upon his return to civilian life he utilized his GI Bill benefits to earned a Bachelor's Degree in Floriculture at the University of Illinois. It was here that he met his future wife Vivian M. Johnson. Dwight and Vivian were married at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church in Edwardsville Illinois on November 26, 1949. They moved to Warrenville and two weeks later attended their first service at St. John's Episcopal Church in Naperville where they are still members.

While Dwight managed R.C Lund's Greenhouses, he began a long commitment to his community. Dwight was a charter member of VFW Post 8081 and served as Commander from 1956-57. In 1967 he and Vivian co-campaigned for the successful incorporation of Warrenville and in 2004 successfully obtained Home Rule status for Warrenville. He served on the Warrenville Cemetery Association as President and Treasurer. Dwight served on the Natural Areas Commission promoting Arbor Day and helping Warrenville obtain Tree City designation from the State of Illinois. From 1985 – 2005, while his wife served as Mayor of Warrenville, he proudly served as The First Gentleman. He also served for many years as member and Treasurer of the Warrenville Chapter of Kiwanis International dedicated to improving children's lives.

Dwight served on School Boards; during the construction of Woodland Elementary and Bower Jr. High in Warrenville, and Wheaton North High School of Wheaton. As School Board President he negotiated the purchase of then Wiesbrook Farm that became the site of Wheaton Warrenville South High School. During the 1970's & 80's he taught horticulture classes at Kishwaukee Community College, for the DuPage Area Vocational Education Association (DAVEA), and at the Ball Horticulture Institute. Through Ball Seed Co., he was Director of the DuPage School of Horticulture.

From 2003 – 2013 he served as a Judge for America In Bloom in the United States, for Communities in Bloom in Canada, and an International Judge in Europe. His passion for plants and community influenced the creation and development of Warrenville in Bloom; marking him forever a “Posey Pusher”.

Throughout his long and dedicated membership at St. John’s Episcopal Church, Naperville, Dwight served on the building committee, on the Vestry as member and then Senoir Warden, and served various other ministries including the Pennywise shop. In his later years he sang with the church choir.

Dwight enjoyed reading, gardening, travel, skiing, stained glass craftwork, and camping with his family. He made special time for individual trips with most of his grandchildren. He toured many historical battlegrounds with his son-in-law Duane Coyle.

Dwight is survived by his wife of 69 years, Vivian Johnson Lund; his four children, Susan Lund-Coyle (Duane deceased.); Erik Lund (Marlene Gutierrez), Lucy Hawke (Bill), and Jenny Lund. In addition he is survived by six grandchildren: Kara Lund (Chris Padilla), William Hawke IV, Bartholomew “James” Coyle, Sarah Hawke Edwards (Travis), Diane Hawke Tabilo (Pablo), Stephen Hawke; his 3 great grandchildren: Lucas Edwards, Dylan Edwards, Eliana Tabilo; and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents Raoul and Emma Banta Lund, his sister Mary Lund and his grandson Andrew J. Lund.

A memorial service will be held at St. John’s Episcopal Church 750 Aurora Ave., Naperville, on Saturday January 19th. Visitation at the church will be 9:30 AM with the service following at 11:00 AM and a reception after the service.

Dwight has donated his body to the Anatomical Gift Association of Illinois to be used for medical research and education. Upon his cremation his ashes will be interred in the Ash Memorial Garden at St. John’s Episcopal Church of Naperville. Memorials in his name may be made to the St. John’s Episcopal Church Living Trust.

Always a gentle, loving man of vision and loyalty, he was forever a true citizen of Warrenville where he was born, lived, worked, and raised his family. He served his community, country, and Christ his entire life. He was known for two sayings;

“You can’t out-shovel the Lord” and “Keep Looking Up”.



Christmas 2018 Vivian, Dwight, & Jenny