



H. Wade Rinehart

July 25, 1928 - May 3, 2023

H. Wade Rinehart, Jr., 94, of Pawleys Island, died peacefully at home on May 3rd, 2023.

Born on July 25th, 1928, in Wilmington, Delaware, Wade was a long-time resident of the Grand Strand. He served as an Army intelligence translator in Czechoslovakia during the Cold War, and earned his bachelor's degree from Oberlin College, where he lettered in soccer. Always friendly and constantly charming, sales came easily to Wade. He had a long career in multiple International Paper locations ending with Georgetown, and later used his sales skills at Seidler Chemical of Newark, New Jersey, as well as other businesses.

Wade enjoyed singing and acting: the former in church and community choirs as well as informal singalongs, the latter in various settings such as the Swamp Fox Players' (Georgetown) production of "Arsenic and Old Lace." He also enjoyed birdwatching, gardening, and walking on the beach, and played a mean game of tennis even into his eighties. Wade also truly loved to read. He kept abreast of current events through a variety of books and his daily dive into the Wall Street Journal. An environmental enthusiast from early on, he enjoyed finding new ways to recycle in order to better his and our world.

Wade greatly enjoyed spending time with family, especially his many grandchildren. He often took them to the pool or the beach, or created exciting and fun activities for them at home. All family and friends knew he was very witty, immensely entertaining, and humorous, always ready with a song or

pun. He was loved by all.

Wade was preceded in death by three wives: Marjorie O. Kelly of Pawleys Island; Jean S. Rinehart of Murrells Inlet; and Nancy T. Soloway of Pompton Plains, New Jersey; two sisters, Eleanor Miller of Aiken, South Carolina, and Anne Rinehart of Wilmington, Delaware; and three stepchildren: Michael Kelly of Tampa, Florida; Susan Kelly of Endicott, New York; and Robin Rossi of Pawleys Island.

He is survived by three daughters: Kathryn Rinehart and her husband David Rolston of Ann Arbor, Michigan; Martha R. Seidler and her husband Rich of Green Pond, New Jersey; and Phyllis Penkethman and her husband Francis of Manasquan, New Jersey; an adopted son, Gray Rinehart of Shelby, North Carolina; stepchildren Sharon Sypniewski of Southport, North Carolina, Camille Natale and her husband Vince of Waxhaw, North Carolina, and Joe Rossi of Pawleys Island; a sister, Susan Rambow of Berlin, Germany; and numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

A memorial service to celebrate Wade's life will be held in autumn of this year. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to: Brookgreen Gardens, 1931 Brookgreen Drive, Murrells Inlet, SC 29576; Teach My People, P.O. Box 2848, Pawleys Island, SC 29585; or any environmental or educational charity.