



Willard A. Lockwood

March 4, 1924 - April 8, 2015

Willard A. "Will" Lockwood, 91, of Easton, MD, passed away peacefully after a short illness on April 8, 2015.

He is survived by his beloved wife of 35 years, Eleanor Bloch Lockwood; his brother, Hanford N. Lockwood of Burlingame, CA; sister, Isabel Lockwood, of Marlborough, MA; his daughters, Andrée A. Lockwood of New York City, Rachel L. Gonzalez-Falla of Austin, TX; son, Winthrop F. Lockwood of Brooklyn, NY; and granddaughter, Andrée L. Gonzalez-Falla of Brooklyn, NY.

Born March 4, 1924 in Washington, DC, Will was the son of Col. Hanford N. and Lillian Atkinson Lockwood. He spent his early years on army bases including Hawaii and the Philippines. Will graduated Phi Beta Kappa from Middletown CT's Wesleyan University in 1945. He began a career in publishing that led him to return to his alma mater to found the celebrated Wesleyan University Press, which garnered six Pulitzer Prizes and National Book Awards under his tenure. He directed the Press from 1957-1979. He relocated from Connecticut to Easton in 1980, where he served as Managing Editor of Cornell Maritime Press in Centerville for more than a dozen years.

Will embraced his many interests with enthusiasm. He was a serious letterpress scholar and printer who designed and printed pamphlets and broadsides, as well as creating and printing linoleum and woodblock cards

and pictures of local scenes. He and a friend established Creekside Wines, planting a vineyard and crushing grapes to produce small vintages of wine for friends and family.

He was a longtime avid photographer, whose work was seen in local shows where it won a number of awards. He was also dedicated to serving his communities in both Connecticut and Maryland. He was a longtime Director of the City Savings Bank in Middletown, CT, a volunteer for the Democratic Party, and President of the Association of American University Presses. He volunteered for CASA of the Mid-Shore (Court Appointed Special Advocates) for more than 20 years, advocating for children in the court system; for the Historical Society of Talbot County until 2014, and served on the Talbot County Arts Council from 1995-2001, four of those years as President. Will was a proud member of Rotary for more than 50 years, and was the oldest and longest-serving Rotarian in the Easton Rotary Club. Most of all, Will was a gentleman, and a generous and devoted friend and neighbor. He will be greatly missed.

A service will be held at a later date. Memorial contributions may be made to CASA (www.casamidshore.org) or to the Talbot County Arts Council (www.talbotarts.org).

Tribute Wall



“ *Willard A. Lockwood*

October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ *Willard A. Lockwood*

January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ *Willard A. Lockwood*

January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM

LS

“ We met Will many years ago when he took the reins of Cornell Maritime Press after art Kudner Purchased the company from Bob Cornell.

We worked closely together for many years and as always it was a great pleasure!

After he retires his interest in Printing didn't diminish as he had his own small hand operated operation and often needed supplies or paper or just some ideas on how to accomplish a certain task!

It was always a great pleasure to assist my friend in whatever he needed!

We both shared interest in CASA as I had been one of the Original Founding Board Members and we donated the first Printing of all materials of business stationery and brochures and served as President, and hired the current Executive Director over 25 years ago! We were both very proud of the accomplishments Robin Davenport had displayed with CASA!

We spoke so many times about it and how the children of the program needed this help!



Larry W. Smith - May 24, 2015 at 04:56 AM

AB

“ ANN BUTLER lit a candle in memory of Willard A. Lockwood



ANN BUTLER - April 19, 2015 at 02:19 PM

MJ

“ Will was a wonderful & giving man, a friend to all of us.

We'll miss you Will.

Mike Jacobs

Mike Jacobs - April 19, 2015 at 10:08 AM

ED

“ Dear Eleanor, You have my Deepest Sympathy . He was such a lovely Gentleman ! It was always a pleasure to be around both of you ! What wonderful memories you and your Family must have.
Sincerely, Libby (Dawkins)

Elizabeth K. Dawkins - April 16, 2015 at 02:20 PM

SE

“ All of us at Wesleyan University Press will certainly miss receiving news and words of encouragement from Will, who did so much to build our press. You are in our thoughts.
-Suzanna, Leslie, Parker, and Stephanie, from Wesleyan University Press

Stephanie Elliott - April 15, 2015 at 10:39 AM

WG

“ I was fortunate to have shared a small piece of Will's passion when we moved an old press from Centerville to his house in Easton. When we were done moving I was given a lesson on how to set up a plate for printing. Nifty !!!

Wes Geib - April 11, 2015 at 07:19 AM