



## Obituary

**Died:** Tuesday, October 2, 2018

CARREL B. MAYFIELD, AGE 96.5

Carrel B. Mayfield RPh., age 96 1/2, passed quietly on October 2nd 2018 at the Newton Care Center, Newton, IL. Carrel only had a single letter instead of a middle name, so during his time in the Army he was often called Carrel B 'only'. He was proud of being 96 but really proud of the 1/2. He was born in Caddo Parish, Louisiana in January of 1922. The 10th child of Charles Wesley Mayfield and Leslie Leola (Talley) Mayfield. He married the one true love of his life, Jeanne Wilson on November 2nd 1948 in Robinson, IL. Jeanne is the daughter of Owen P. Wilson and Grace (Anderson) Wilson of Robinson, IL. Jeanne survives him.

## Service Summary

**Services are to be announced**

**Ebenezer United Methodist Church**  
South of Olney  
Olney, IL 62450

The youngest of 10 children Carrel was one of three sets of twins. In 1942 he was in his 3rd year at Butler University in Indianapolis, IN when he enlisted in the US Army as a Medic during WW II. Spending his time from enlistment to deployment to France in June, 1944, he progressed rapidly thru the ranks from Private to Master Sergeant, and became the 1st Sergeant of a 600 man Medical unit. He served in France, Luxemburg and Belgium from June of 1944 to April of 1945. In April of 1945 his unit was sent to the Philippines and then in July 1945 he left the Philippines on an LST (Landing Ship Tank) like the one displayed in Evansville, IN. His unit was tasked with being in the first wave of the invasion of mainland Japan, but when Japan surrendered after the dropping of two Atomic Bombs, he was diverted to Nagoya, Japan arriving two days after Japan's surrender, and became part of the Army of Occupation. He was Honorably Discharged from the Army in February 1946. Returning to Indianapolis he stopped by Butler University on his first day back home to visit a favorite professor, who insisted he be in class the very next day, and bother with registering paper work later. Carrel earned his BS in Pharmacy in 1947.

Carrel worked for a large Pharmaceutical company, Lederly Laboratories, out of Indianapolis, Indiana and later as a Pharmacist in several different Drug Stores including Bowers Drug Store in Olney. Moving on to Hospital Pharmacies he worked at Richland Memorial 1962-1966 when he moved to LaSalle-Peru, IL and worked at the Peru Hospital as Chief Pharmacist until he retired in 1986. Returning to the Olney area he and Jeanne built a home on the family farm South of Olney. He was a member of the Elks, Eagles, FMCA (Family Motor Coaching Association), SAR (Sons of the American Revolution), Eastern Star, 75 year member of the Masons and Life member of the VFW. He loved being on the road in his Motor Home, logging over 500,000 miles in 8 different Motor Homes including the first one a 1945 Army Surplus Bus he and his son converted into a Motor Home

years before the first Winnebago came off the assembly line. He loved Dogs, the bigger the better. He especially enjoyed English Bulldogs. A generous man, he would watch out for people in line at a grocery store who were putting items on the conveyor belt and waiting for the total before putting the next item on. He knew these people were so close to being broke that they might not be able to afford all of the food they had put in their basket. At these times, and there were many, he would step up and pay for all of the groceries for them. Charity for Carrel was from the heart and on a one on one basis.

Carrel was preceded in death by his parents, 9 Brothers and Sisters, 12 Brothers-in-law and Sisters-in-Law, and 6 Nieces and Nephews. He is survived by his wife Jeanne, his son Terrence and his Daughter in Law Trudy (Mitchell) Mayfield. 2 Grandsons, Tyrell and Taggart Mayfield, 1 Grand Daughter in Law Becky (Waggen) Mayfield, 4 Great-Grand Children, Reagan, Dylan, Dean and Van Mayfield. He is also survived by 2 Brothers in Law, Doyle Kirk and Robert Wilson, one Sister in Law, Linda Wilson, and 28 Nieces and Nephews. Carrel was loved by all who knew him and he thought of a stranger as a friend he just hadn't met yet. Dad was always there for me, and many others!

Internment of his ashes will be at a later date in Belmont Cemetery.

Flowers and Donations: Dad was never a fan of flowers, or asking others to donate to one charity or another on his behalf. Dad had blood type O negative, known as the universal donor because anyone, no matter what their blood type, could accept his blood. Dad felt this was both a blessing and an obligation. He donated directly to several family members when they needed blood, and well over 40 gallons to Red Cross blood banks across the country. That 40 gallons aren't an error, it is 40 gallons not pints. So, if you would like to honor my Father with a donation, please donate a pint of your blood to your local Red Cross in Dad's name. Thank You.

MEMORIAL SERVICES FOR MR. CARREL B MAYFIELD AGE 96 OF OLNEY, IL PREVIOUSLY SCHEDULED FOR SATURDAY 13, 2018 HAVE BEEN CANCELLED DUE TO THE RECENT HOSPITALIZATION OF MRS. JEANNE MAYFIELD. MR. MAYFIELD HAS BEEN CREMATED AND WILL HAVE A MEMORIAL SERVICE ONCE JEANNE HAS RECOVERED ENOUGH TO ATTEND.