

## **Wilbur Cunningham Windsor, Jr. 1921-**

Wilbur C. Windsor, Jr. was born November 8, 1921. The first home he lived in was in Mexia, Texas, later they moved to Dallas, Texas. In 1926 the family moved to Tyler, Texas.

Bill Windsor started Gary Elementary School in 1927. He entered James Hogg Junior High School for 6th, 7th and 8th grade. His High School years were spent attending Kemper Military School. He graduated in three years.

For one year he attended Washington and Lee University in Lexington, VA. He moved back to Boonville to attend the University of Missouri in 1941. Bill Windsor left the University of Missouri with one semester still needed to finish his degree to enter the Naval Aviation Program in 1942.

He worked on the construction of aircraft engines at a manufacturing plant in Kansas City, MO for 6 months over the winter of 1942-43.

Wilbur C. Windsor, Jr. was called to active duty in 1943. Torpedo training took place in Miami, Fl.; Field Carrier landings were in Florida on the East Coast; training for Carrier Landings took place in the Great Lakes; and final training was in San Diego where he had to qualify for carrier landings. Bill Windsor entered into the service during the last part of WWII. He served for four years as a navy flier and then transferred to the Naval Reserve.

When the war was over Wilbur C. Windsor, Jr. returned to the University of Missouri to finish a BA degree in Business Administration.

After completing his degree he worked briefly for his dad before he started farming near Dallas. He married Peggy Joyce Pupek...They had 8 children; Walter Cunningham Windsor, David Buckley Windsor, Sharon Lea Windsor, Laura Lynn Windsor, Marshall Moore Windsor, John Lee Windsor, Margaret Windsor, and Elizabeth Ann Windsor. He was then called back up for service in the Korean War - he was there for 50 missions. The Dallas News for April 6, 1951, carried a story about Lt. W. C. Windsor, pilot of a naval attack bomber, who had flown a mission from the carrier Boxer. Windsor was making a run on a highway bridge in Korea, then communist shells set his plane on fire. He had to bail out behind enemy lines. He took what shelter he could while other Navy planes flew cover. Then Lt. J. L. Blades came up in a helicopter from the carrier Princeton and made a near-miraculous rescue. Windsor was delivered to the carrier deck, badly burned, but alive. He received a purple heart for the injuries incurred when shot down.

After the Korean War Wilbur C. Windsor, Jr. returned to Dallas where he developed Brook Hollow Industrial District.

A few years later he was asked to take over the chairmanship of the Texas Youth Council.

He moved back to Boonville, Missouri with his family in 1969. He was an honorary deacon in the Baptist Church.

He had an honorary leadership position in the Presbyterian Church. Bill Windsor was a member of the Gideon's for several years.