

## **“Bud” Ruelle W. Wolfe [January 4, 1914 - June 29, 2000]**

A life-long, fourth generation resident of New Oxford, Bud Wolfe grew up with his parents, Mellie E. and Raymond M. Wolfe, and older sister, Marion, at 104 Hanover Street.

He lived the last 53 years of his life at 241 Lincolnway East in a home he not only designed, but hand cast the bricks for with his friend, William Alwine, Jr.

Bud graduated at age 16 from NOHS in 1931. While in high school, he lettered in basketball and was active in the drama club. He also played alto saxophone in the town band. He earned his college degree from Columbia Technical School in Washington, D.C. During his teenage years he worked at his father's livery stable which later became New Oxford's first auto repair business.

During the depression years he worked for his father's oil tank business and in the war years partnered with William Alwine, Jr. in designing and building Winter Gardens, Inc. where Tom Bross was his first client/employer. He also designed 8 private homes in New Oxford.

He joined Aero Oil Company in 1939 and retired at age 80, having held all offices there as president, vice-president, treasurer, secretary, and member of Board of Directors. During his time at Aero, along with his other duties, he designed and built 22 service stations for Aero which over the years served as distributors for Atlantic Petroleum, Phillips 66, and Getty Oil.

He served New Oxford's community in many ways as:

1. St. Paul's Church of Christ life-long member where he served as a church trustee and taught men's Sunday school classes for 45 years.
2. New Oxford Borough Council member for over 40 years including serving as Borough Council President
3. New Oxford Municipal Authority member
4. Hebron Lodge 465 F&AM Member and Past Master
5. New Oxford Chamber of Commerce member and Past President
6. Member of New Oxford Fire Company, New Oxford Social & Athletic Club, and Hanover Elks.
7. He served on:
  - Farmers and Merchants Bank Board of Directors
  - CCNB Bank local Board of Directors
  - New Oxford Cemetery Board of Directors
  - Hanover Hospital Auxiliary

Bud married Lillian Brashears Wolfe in 1936 and celebrated their 53 years of marriage until her passing in 1989. His only son “Woodie” Ruelle W. Wolfe, Jr, [NOHS Class 1963] died in 1989 at the youthful age of 44.

Bud is survived by his daughter Sally W. Kemp, two grandsons, “Chip” Ruelle W. Wolfe III, and Jonathan David Kemp, and two great-granddaughters, MacKenzie Wolfe (16) and Zoey Wolfe (8).