

John B. Tidwell, age 86 of Fairborn, passed away Tuesday May 5, 2015 in the Hospice of Dayton. He was born July 20, 1928 in Macon, GA, the son of the late Ernest and Ruth (Wadsworth) Tidwell. John served his country in the US Army and followed with employment with the Department of Defense as a contractor and in civil service as an intelligence analyst, retiring after over 43 years of combined federal service. He dedicated many years of faithful service to the First Baptist Church of Fairborn assisting with technical support. In addition to his parents he was preceded in death by a sister, Wanda Freeman; and a brother, Eugene Tidwell. He is survived by his wife of 59 years, Ann; two daughters, Betsy (Peter) de Graaf of Colorado Springs, Wendy McCance (fiancé, Michael Killin) of Lebanon; four grandchildren, Michael, Emily, Lauren, Katie; three sisters, Mary Ann (Amos) Burkett, Pansy Hogan, Ina Fay (Jim) Manly; brother-in-law, Michael (Nancy) Searcy; as well as numerous nieces, nephews, and other extended family.

A funeral service will be held on Friday May 8, 2015 at 11:00 A.M. at the First Baptist Church of Fairborn, 1167 Highview Dr., Fairborn, Pastor Ron Plemons officiating. The family will receive friends from 10:00 A.M. until the time of service at the church.

Memorial contributions, if desired, may be made to the First Baptist Church of Fairborn, technical support fund –or- a charity of the donor's choice. Arrangements in care of Belton-Stroup Funeral Home, Fairborn.