



Royal E. Purcell

April 7, 1921 - October 30, 2012

Royal E. Purcell, age 91 of Bloomington passed away October 30, 2012 at Indiana University Health Hospice House. He was born in Vincennes, Indiana to George and Ella Rosenbaum Purcell on April 7, 1921.

Royal received his BA from Indiana University in 1941 in Political Science where he graduated cum laude and Phi Beta Kappa. He went on to receive his MA in International Relations from the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy in Medford Mass and further studied at Indiana University in the Graduate School of Education and the Graduate Library School in the early 1970's.

He served in the United States Army from 1943 to 1946 as the Editor of the Armed Services weekly news publication.

Royal spent his professional career from 1947 to 1961 in various positions throughout the United States. In the Los Angeles area he worked with the Los Angeles Daily News; in New York City he worked with the American Petroleum Institute, and in Miami, Florida he worked as an assistant editor for a private state magazine.

Starting in 1961 Royal worked as an instructor in the Miami Beach Florida area at the Southwest High School, and the Dade County public school system; was a social sciences instructor at the University of Miami, Coral Gables, Florida from 1961 to 1962 and

also was a social studies instructor at the Oxford School in Miami Beach Florida in the spring of 1961.

Throughout his career he found time to specialize in library automation and in 1976 completed the NRI course with honors in Advanced Computer Electronics.

Royal is survived by his brother George Purcell of California and his brother Robert Purcell of Florida along with several nieces and nephews. He is also survived by his former wife Shirley Purcell. He was preceded in death by his parents and his first wife Frances Baugh Purcell.

No services will be held for Royal and memorial contributions may be made to Indiana University.

Allen Funeral Home 4155 South Old Highway 37 is handling the arrangements and online condolences may be sent to www.allenfuneralhome.org.

Tribute Wall



“ *I would like to express my sympathy to the family of Royal Purcell. Although I never met Mr. Purcell, I feel as if I know him from his many letters in the H-T. Although I did not always agree with his opinions, I appreciated the fact that he would take the time to express them. He embodied what is right about the 1st amendment.*

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