

In Memorium  
MILTON E. SULLIVAN  
1924-2004

Milt Sullivan was the talented “Music Man” of the Cheviot-Westwood Kiwanis since he joined our Club 16 ½ years ago. Diagnosed with far-advanced cancer just a month ago, Milt suffered a rapid downhill course, passing away November 13, 2004. We extend our heartfelt sympathy to his wife, Betty, and their two sons, Mark and Steve, and their six grandchildren! Milt and Betty celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary just 2 ½ months ago, August 28.

Milt played the piano weekly at our Tuesday meetings, entertaining us before the meeting, leading us in the National Anthem, and accompanying our singing and our occasional soloists before our weekly program. Wow, will we miss Milt and his marvelous talent.

Milt turned 80 last month (October). He was born in Harlan, Kentucky, but has resided in Cincinnati for the last 79 years. He attended Whittier School in Price Hill and attended Western Hills for Junior and Senior High, graduating in 1942. He was called upon by Charlie Stokes to play the piano and his trumpet for school plays, operettas, and the marching band respectively.

Milt enlisted in the Army in 1943 and trained as a radio operator and repairman in an armored division at Ft. Knox, Kentucky. He served overseas in the Indiana Armored Division at Omaha Beach in September, 1944. He became a member of the Honor Guard, playing trumpet at the Potsdam Conference when Truman, Churchill, et al met in Germany to make the European World War II decisions.

Milt first joined the Jimmy James band in California for six months right after the service, and then returned home for one year at Miami University, then Teachers College at U.C. where he majored in music and received his degree in 1954. During his career, Milt played for the Cincinnati Royals, Reds, and Bengals, trumpet that is. He played with Buddy Morrow and with Sammy Kay during summer months in between school years. His primary Cincinnati Public School assignment was Dater Junior High where he was band and orchestra director and music teacher, 1968-1986, when Bob Siekmann was principal there, 1967-1977. When Milt retired in 1986, he continued playing trumpet in numerous bands up until this year. He served as a church choir director for 28 years and has sung in the choir at the Westwood Methodist Church for over a quarter century. Milt’s hobbies were bowling and golf, which he played frequently right up to several months ago.

Milt was a member of Miamiview Golf Club, the Masonic Lodge, Scottish Rite, the American Legion as well as his Cincinnati Musician’s Union since 1946. We will miss our talented “Music Man” and will revere his memory.