In Memoriam
Robert C. Bernet
1926-2009

Bob Bernet was a Westwood native, a 1944 graduate of Western Hills High School and a 1949 grad of the U.C. College of Business Administration. Bob passed away May 7 after an 18 month bout of a leukemia-type illness, myelodysplasia with its necessary chemotherapy and transfusions. He was 82.

Bob Bernet was president of Wright, Bernet, Inc., a brush manufacturing company, and he handled the sales division while his older brother Frank managed the production. Bob joined Cheviot-Westwood Kiwanis in December, 1992 after retiring from and selling his life-long business. He has been married to Trudy for 61 years and they lived on West Rd. opposite Epworth Avenue from 1965 until moving to Twin Towers six years ago.

Bob served in the Navy from 1944-1946 and started officer training at the Great Lakes Naval Station, but when the war ended he was released and returned to U.C. Bob attended Westwood United Methodist in his mother's womb and ever since. His Memorial Service was held there Monday, May 11. He had served as an usher at the church with Bob Tatgenhorst for 40 years. Bob and Trudy taught Sunday School to children there, and were counselors for the youth group when their family was in it. The Bernets have been on the Chapel Committee at Twin Towers.

Bob was on the Committee of Management at the Gamble-Nippert YMCA for a 5 year stint, on the Committee
For Boy Scout Troop 30 when both of his sons were scouts, and he broke the gender lock on the presidency of the Gamble Junior High P.T.A. When he became its first male president.

The Bernets did a lot of traveling as a family and enjoyed hiking on Sanibel beaches and Rocky Mountain trails from Colorado to Canada. The mountains of British Columbia was another favorite spot.

Bob had a special friendship with pediatrician Dr. Bill Schubert after they met as Sigma Chi fraternity brothers and they have continued a close relationship, despite Dr. Schubert's heavy responsibility as President and CEO of the Children's Hospital. The two couples spent many holidays in Florida, Michigan, and Canada vacations together and enjoyed Friday evening dinners at Maury's Tiny Cove all through the years.

Bob played horseshoes with friends in his back yard and they formed a "Shoe and Cue" Club to play pool when the weather was not conducive for horseshoes.

Bob and Trudy have a daughter Nancy and two sons Bob and Tom and seven grandchildren. The family has been so supportive of Bob and Trudy during Bob's recent difficulty illness and his death, and Trudy is most grateful for them. Testimonies at the Memorial Service spoke most glowingly of Bob as husband, Father, and friend. Kiwanis will miss a loyal member.