

Wade F. Gregory Obituary

Wade F. Gregory died peacefully on November 7, 2023, at Goodwin House Alexandria. Born in Weatherly, PA on June 30, 1924, Wade grew up on the family farm. He graduated from Penn State University receiving undergraduate and masters' degrees in agricultural economics, followed by all but dissertation from the University of Chicago. The greater part of Wade's professional career focused on international development, working with the Economic Research Service (USDA), World Bank, Organization of American States, Harvard Institute of International Development and Pragma Corp, to name a few. This work provided the opportunity to live and travel extensively throughout the world, visiting remote areas and sampling local fare. A member of the University of Chicago team setting up an economic research center in Santiago, Chile, Wade and his family lived there for three years. They also lived in Bogota, Colombia, while Wade worked on an AID contract with the Ministry of Agriculture. After retiring from USDA, Wade and his wife lived in Nairobi, Kenya, working with the Harvard Institute of International Development.

Wade was predeceased by his wife and life partner of over 73 years Ann B. Gregory, on July 26, 2023. Their courtship began while they attended Penn State. They moved to Arlington, VA in 1961, and were active in their community, church, and local and national politics. Wade was particularly engaged in expanding Arlington County's Sister Cities program. Wade and Ann were avid and adventurous travelers visiting many domestic and international "off the beaten track" destinations.

Wade is survived by his son Gregory (Becky), and daughters Charlotte and Molly; five grandchildren; and five great grandchildren. Wade will be remembered for his loving, kind, and compassionate nature, his rich green thumb, and his wonderful sense of humor. He loved gardening, prolifically growing flowers and vegetables that he shared generously with family, friends and neighbors. His ability to insert one-liners with perfect timing was impeccable and very endearing, defusing and diverting awkward situations masterfully. He was truly a prince of a guy and a wonderful human being.

Memorial service information for Ann and Wade Gregory are being finalized and will be provided once available. In lieu of flowers, kindly make donation to [The Parkinson's Foundation](#).

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