Wade C. Edmundson

April 1, 1939 - June 14, 2016

Wade Cowart Edmundson, son of Charles Edmundson of Memphis Tennessee and Anne Edmundson, grandson of Harry McLemore and Bessie Bishop Cowart of Birmingham, Alabama died peacefully on June 14, 2016 after a long illness. Wade attended Avondale Elementary School and Erskine Ramsay High School in Birmingham and spent one semester at Auburn University before attending Dartmouth College. Wade graduated in 1961, majoring in Geography. He was hired as a statistician at the Office of the Americans, World Health Organization, Washington. D.C. Wade then served in the US Army rising to the rank of Captain. Wade attended graduate school earning a Masters Degree at UCLA and Ph.D. at the University of Hawaii. In 1973 Wade and his young family migrated to Australia where Wade assumed a teaching position at the University of New England, Armidale, New South Wales. He was a popular and inspired professor, recipient of several Fulbright Grants and his book Diet, Disease and Development is still cited today. After retiring Wade's greatest joy was fishing for marlin. In 2013 Wade and his wife Stella, moved to a retirement village at Twin Waters, Queensland. Wade was predeceased by his sister, Bess "Bitsy" Coleman of Birmingham. He is survived by his wife, Stella, two children (Anna and Harry), and four grandchildren; and by his sister, Charlan (Bill) Terry of Florence, AL. -