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**Bruce R. Poulton**

Dr. Bruce R. Poulton

Raleigh

Dr. Bruce R. Poulton, 88 of Raleigh, passed away at his residence on Friday, June 19, 2015. He was born in Yonkers, NY a son of the late Alfred V. and Ella M. (Scanlon) Poulton.

Bruce enlisted in the US [Army](#) immediately following his high school graduation in June 1944. He was assigned to the Army Specialized Training Program (STP) at Rutgers. Bruce deployed to the South Pacific as part of the 23rd Infantry Americal Division serving in Japan at the end of [WWII](#). After returning to the US, he returned to Rutgers and earned his Ph.D in 1956. In August of 1950 Bruce married Elizabeth Charlotte Poulton on the steps at Rutgers Chapel, a union that lasted for 61 years.

Bruce's professional career started at the University of Maine culminating with his appointment as University of Maine's Vice President of Academic Affairs.

In 1975, Bruce accepted the position of Chancellor of the University Systems of New Hampshire, and was instrumental in the formation of UNH's current formal statewide college system. In 1982, Bruce accepted the position of Chancellor of NC State. His leadership culminated in the creation of the Centennial Campus. Bruce's vision for the construction of the campus involved an innovative public-private partnership which proved highly effective. Today Centennial Campus is home to 39 academic and research buildings and still growing. In 1989 Bruce became the Director of the NCSU Literacy System Center. He served as Chancellor Emeritus until his death.

Bruce enjoyed spending the summer months with his extended family at his "camp" on Long Pond in Somesville, Maine.

Bruce was predeceased by his wife Elizabeth in 2011, his sisters Eleanor, Audrey and Rosemary and his brother Vincent.

He is survived by his four children: Randall Poulton, and his wife Deborah of Winterport, ME, Jeffrey Poulton and his wife Maribeth of Joppa, MD, Peter Poulton and his wife Susie Yeuell of Wilmington, NC and Cynthia Karabelas of Jackson, NH; his siblings Richard Poulton and Alice Salmon.

A time of visitation will be held from 5-7 pm Wednesday June, 24, 2015 at Brown-Wynne Funeral Home 300 Saint Mary's St. Raleigh, where a Memorial service will be held Thursday June 25, at 1:00 pm.

In lieu of flowers memorial donations may be made to the Encore Program Endowment, Campus Box 7401, Raleigh, NC 27695 or to the Wounded Warrior Project PO BOX 758517 Topeka, KS 66675 [www.woundedwarriorproject.org](http://www.woundedwarriorproject.org)

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