Coos Bay Pulp. The production of paper was considered an
home office in Chester, Pennsylvania, primarily to report his
Scott's area operations independently, interacting with the
manager of Scott Paper's operations in Coos Bay. A
company in 1940, Wylie stayed on as a vice president and
was born in 1937, and a son, Clyde Wylie III, in 1943.

Though a Northwesterner most of his life, Wylie was
born in Pine Grove, Louisiana, on August 9, 1908. He was the
second of four sons born to Clyde Wylie Smith I and Jessie
Ada Willis Smith. Wylie was still young, the Smith
family left the South and moved to Ellensburg, Washington,
and then to Everett. His father sold insurance, but his
extended family was involved in the timber industry
going back into the 19th century.

Wylie attended Everett High School, graduating in 1927.
He was a strong student and also held down a part-time job
during his high school years.

From 1929 to 1933, Wylie attended Washington State
College (now Washington State University), where he re-
cieved his B.S. in Business Administration. At college, Wylie
kept busy on many fronts. He was a second lieutenant in the
Army ROTC, a member of Delta Sigma Pi, the business
administration honor society, and a member of Phi Kappa
Phi, an academic honor society. Wylie was also a member
of Theta Chi fraternity. He resided at the fraternity house
and eventually served as the house manager.

Shortly after graduation, Wylie left Washington and
moved to Coos Bay, Oregon, where he took the position of
manager of Coos Bay Pulp Corporation. He made Coos Bay
his home for the rest of his life.

Wylie was not alone for long in Coos Bay. On October 20,
1934, he married Elvine Lindahl, a fellow Washington State
graduate and friend from Everett. The couple made a com-
fortable home in Coos Bay, and their first child, Colleen

At its peak, Coos Head Timber employed more than 500
people. The company eventually included three sawmills, a
veneer and plywood plant, and a pulp mill, as well as sales
and distribution operations in California. Part of Wylie's
success rested in the respect he had for his employees and
the loyalty that he earned. Elsie Marks, who worked with
Wylie for more than 50 years, recalled that he "listened to
people at all levels of the company." He welcomed input
from everybody, whether they worked on the mill floor, out
in the timberlands, or in the front office. Mike Groben, a
Coos Head forester for many years, expressed his admira-
tion for Wylie in the simplest terms: "He was the finest man
I ever met."

Though Wylie was a committed lumberman, he did not
let work prevent him from enjoying his family life and
playing an active role in the Coos Bay community. In addi-
tion to being a Mason and member of the Elks Club, he
was an active Rotarian and served as president of the Coos
Bay-North Bend Rotary Club in 1953-54. He sat on the Coos
Bay School Board and held the chairmanship. Over the
years, he was also a member of several state advisory
boards and commissions, which were shaping policy
affecting the timber industry. Wylie also took an active
interest in politics. He met and corresponded with elected
officials, knew governors personally, and even traveled to
Washington, D.C., for a presidential inauguration.

Wylie had a great passion for sports and the outdoors.
He became a great fan of Marshfield High School athletics,
where his son Wylie Jr. played football and basketball and
ran track. Near the end of his life, Wylie contributed the
astounding sum of $1 million toward the renovation of
Marshfield's stadium and field.

Wylie also enjoyed fishing, bird hunting, and gardening.
At his family's cabin on the Millicoma River, he grew a large
vegetable garden and took special care with his "butter and
sugar" corn and pole beans—called "Wylie's beans" by
friends and family. He also raised beef cattle on a small
ranch in nearby Allegany, Oregon.

Though Wylie maintained a positive outlook throughout
his life, he faced several challenges and tragedies. His wife
Elvine died in 1960, and Wylie Jr. died in 1973 in an industrial
accident. In his son's honor, Wylie established a memorial
scholarship, which is awarded to two outstanding forestry
students every year at Oregon State University. Wylie was
optimistic at heart and believed that bad times would
eventually turn to good. In 1962, Wylie married Florence
Hall, a Coos Bay native and longtime family friend. She
died in 1981.

Wylie also witnessed—and helped bridge—enormous
change in the Northwest timber industry. In the face of a
dwindling supply of available timber, Wylie worked
closely with company foresters and others in the industry
to develop sustainable timber management practices. He
understood that the days of inefficient harvesting were past,
and the industry needed to focus on long-term viability.

While Wylie knew first-hand that timberland benefits
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For all his professional achievements, Wylie was a
modest man who worked hard, served his community, and
cared deeply for his family and friends. He continued to
work into his 80s and stayed on top of business matters until
his death on October 20, 1997, at the age of 89. His personal
legacy remains in the contributions that he made to his
greater community and in the example he provided to the
people who know him best.