

Arthur Malcolm "Mac" Gegenheimer, age 95, Ft. Myers, FL, passed away in Ft. Myers, Fl., under Hospice care on Sunday, March 11, 2012.

Mac was born on March 20, 1916 in Morefield, IN, to Arthur Glen and Florence (Booher) Gegenheimer. Former places of residence included several midwestern and eastern states including MI, PA, and NJ. Mac was a registered professional engineer in PA, NJ, and CN, who managed the design and construction of multi-million dollar petro-chemical and nuclear plants in the U.S. and several foreign countries including Mexico, South America, and Korea. His desire to develop a strong work ethic first led to employment with Dow Chemical Co. followed by Dow Corning, Blaw-Knox, the Davy McKee Corp., retiring in 1983. He had affiliations with the Free Masons and Shriners. Among his civic responsibilities, he was active in the Coleman, MI Lion's Club, was an advisor for Junior Achievement, a member of Stanford, MI school board, and a member of the Midland County Planning Commission. He served six years as a county commissioner in District #1, Midland, MI. Mac had a passion for reading. His speech was articulate, exemplifying his analytical thinking. He was skilled in completing crossword puzzles and had a love for the outdoors. Always a gentleman, he strove to overlook the foibles of others and sought harmony in all relationships, often punctuated with good humor.

He is survived by his loving wife of 19 years, Arlene J. Horak; his children, Ann Czuchna of Kalamazoo, MI, Martha (Toby) Fightmaster of Lexington, KY, and Katrina (Edward) Fey of Lindenhurst, IL; stepchildren, Denise (Henry) Logan of Athens, GA, and Arlyn (Stuart) King of DeWitt, MI; eight grandchildren and 19 great-grandchildren; nephews, Clint (Trish) Cookingham of Princeton, WV, and Frank (Marsha) Cookingham of Claremont, CA; cherished friends, C.R. (Doris) Hayes of Cusick, WA, and Aldo (Eliane) Mecenate of Roma, Italy;

He was predeceased by his first wife, Clara B. Smallwood; a son, Arthur Malcolm Gegenheimer II; a grandson, Gregory Lilly; a great-grandson, Tyler Lilly; a son-in-law, Carl G. Czuchna; a sister, March C. Cookingham, and brother-in-law, Owen Cookingham.

A private memorial service will be held at the convenience of family at a later summer date, conducted by the Williamson-Spencer-Penrod Funeral Home in Portland, IN.

Deep appreciation goes to Ft. Myers Shell Point Retirement Community, who lovingly

provided superb care during Mac's long period of confinement. Mac was a special gift from the Lord and is now resting in His care.

With the families' gratitude, memorials may be made to Faith United Methodist Church in Coleman, MI 48917, or Shell Point Village Church, 15100 Shell Point Blvd, Ft. Myers, FL 33908, or Hope Hospice Healthcare Services, 9470 Health Park Circle, Ft. Myers, FL 33908.

PORTLAND--Arthur Malcolm "Mac" Gegenheimer, 95, passed away March 11, 2012. Graveside services are 2:00 p.m. Saturday at Green Park Cemetery, Chapel, Portland. Condolences may be sent to <http://www.williamsonspencer.com>.

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