



Dr. Joseph E. Farnham

May 24, 1928 - April 30, 2015

Dr. Joseph E. Farnham, age 86 of Mokena, passed away on April 30, 2015.

Beloved father of Deborah Lynn (Larry) White of Mokena, Pamela Jo (David) Herr of Kenosha, WI and Doreen May (William) Pomykala of New Lenox. Cherished grandfather of Joseph James Farnham, Ashley and Sarah Pomykala and John Herr. Dear brother of John (late Mary) Eisen, and the late: Albert (Leota), Lawrence (Theresa), William (Bernice), Frederick (Doris), Garrett (Evelyn) Eisen and Celia (Joseph) Tenzillo. Proud uncle of many nieces and nephews.

Joseph touched many lives with his patient heart and kind spirit. He lead by example and was a wonderful teacher and mentor. Throughout his life he persevered despite many physical challenges. He became a distinguished scientist with numerous publications who devoted his career to Argonne National Laboratory by researching the effects of radiation on humans. He graduated from Spalding High School '47 and received degrees and honors from the University of Illinois and Northwestern University. He served as President of Summit Hill School District 161 for many years and was a charter member of the Arbury Hills Lion's Club and founded the Arbury Hills Civic Association. He had many hobbies including flying single engine planes, building his own speed boat, model railroading, photography, fishing, and traveling with his family.

Memorial donations may be made to Foundation Fighting Blindness, 7168
Columbia Gateway Drive, Suite 100, Columbia, MD 21046
www.blindness.org.

Memorial visitation, Saturday, May 9th from 12 p.m. until time of service 2 p.m.
at Heartland Memorial Center, 7151 183rd Street, Tinley Park, IL 60477.

For info or to sign the guestbook (708) 444-2266 or heartlandmemorial.com

Tribute Wall

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“ For some reason I remembered Joe yesterday, which, as I find out is the anniversary of his death. After brief online search, I found this obituary.

Yes, I enjoyed working with him in the Center for Human Radiobiology at Argonne in the early 1970s. He was a good steady hand, a calming voice, and laughed a lot. I did not realize he was a pilot, as I became after leaving Argonne.

Great picture of him, although older than I remember. Argonne and the world is better because of him

My condolences to all his family, who, because of him, must be a wonderful group.

John Cole - May 01, 2020 at 08:04 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Dr. Joseph E. Farnham.



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“ *Pam, Dave, & Family*
Please accept our sincere condolences on
the passing of your dad...
May wonderful memories help to bring you
comfort .
Jerry & Pat Bergelin



Pat Bergelin - May 06, 2015 at 07:37 PM