



Dr. Benjamin Long Sheaffer

October 10, 1929 - September 29, 2012

Dr. Benjamin Long Sheaffer, 82, passed away unexpectedly, on September 10, 2012, in Beaufort, South Carolina. He was born on October 10, 1929, in Lancaster, PA, to Benjamin Leon Sheaffer and Dorothy Dietzel. Ben graduated from Purdue with a B.S., a M.S., and a Ph.D in engineering. He was a member of the United States Marine Corps being honorably discharged as a captain. Ben married Lorraine Capra and they had three daughters: Annice (Kevin) Burns and children: Joshua (Michelle) Warner, Jeremiah (Catlin) Capra, Kristy Capra, and Jeremy Plewa; a daughter, Karen Sheaffer; a daughter, Sandy (James) Nechkash and her children: Richard Daniels, Cheyene and Dakota Nechkash; and a great-grandson, Noah Capra. Ben married Jane Balthazor and had a son, Ben (Jackie) Sheaffer, and their children, Sophia and Benjamin. He currently holds 21 patents for Mercury Marine where he worked for over 30 years. He was a longtime member of SAE and was working at XMDI in Beaufort, South Carolina, at the time of his death. He is survived by two sisters: Susie (Steve McCallister) of Delaware, and Dottie of California; and a brother, Paul (Betty) of Pennsylvania. We will miss him terribly, especially his sense of humor and kindness. A memorial service with military rites will be held at 4:00 p.m. on Saturday, September 29, 2012, at Mach Funeral Chapel & Crematory, 31 East Division Street, Fond du Lac. The family will greet relatives and friends on Saturday from 3:00 p.m. until the time of service.