



Harold (Hal) J. Schweiger

March 22, 1920 - May 10, 2014

Harold (Hal) J. Schweiger, 94, formerly of Indianapolis, was born in Lafayette, IN, and transitioned peacefully into the hands of God on May 10, 2014, in Ft. Myers, FL. He was married 49 years to Helen Louise Frosch, his high school sweetheart and love of his life, with whom he raised three daughters. Hal graduated from Purdue University in microbiology and chemistry. He completed his degree after serving in the US Navy as Captain of a mine-sweeper during World War II (South Pacific Theater). His training in the Navy as a medic and surgical technician was significant in preparing him for an illustrious career at Eli Lilly & Co.

The pinnacle of his professional life was noted when he was promoted to Supervisor of Polio Vaccine Production, wherein through his efforts and others, Lilly's Salk vaccine virtually eradicated polio worldwide, as declared by the WHO (World Health Organization) in 1979. Hal often quoted the words from Isaiah 41:10 during that challenging period: "You are not alone." As a result of the polio years, Lilly recognized Hal's ability to motivate and inspire people by naming him Director of Personnel, a position he held until his retirement in 1984. Following the death of his beloved wife, he relocated to Ft. Myers, FL.

Other honorable accomplishments: Lay leader, Irvington United Methodist Church; Scottish Rite Mason; President of Citizens' Forum; President of Irvington Dance Club; member of the American Legion & Sertoma Club;

University of Evansville Board of Trustees; President of Foxcliff HOA, Martinsville, IN; Hope Hospice caregiver and President of Calusa Harbour Retirement Resident Association, Ft. Myers, where he lived independently until his death.

Survivors: Wife: Phoebe (Palmer) Schweiger; Daughters: Carole (Dave) Lichtenauer; Linda (Gary) Tyner; Dianne (Bill) Hollars; Grandchildren: Lora (Grant) Smith; David (Elizabeth) Stroh; Matthew (Rachel) Hollars; Rachel Hollars; Great-Grandchildren: Sarah Smith; Garrett Smith; Jude Hollars; Camille Stroh.

Funeral services will be held on Saturday, May 17, 2014, at Shirley Brothers Washington Memorial Chapel, 9606 E. Washington St. Indianapolis. Visitation will be at 10:00 a.m., followed by the service at 11:00 a.m. Entombment will follow at Washington Park East Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Purdue Foundation for Cancer Research, 403 W. Wood St., West Lafayette, IN 47907

Cemetery Details

Washington Park East

10612 E. Washington St.
Indianapolis, IN 46229

Tribute Wall



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Shirley Brothers Mortuaries & Crematory - February 21, 2015 at 10:28 AM

RM

“ I know that I will Miss Hal more than any other friend, I sat next to him at the daily dinner table, right to the end.
We have shared meals and experiences, good and bad, each morning and night. some happy, some sad. Whatever Hal needed or wanted that I could supply, I gladly did what I could to help, Hal was a really great guy. He always showed appreciation, for whatever it would be, It was never a bother, I knew he'd do the same for me. Just before Hal passed on, we made a pact, whoever got to heaven first, promised in fact, to save the survivor a seat next to the Lord if he would,
Each promised the same for the other, which we could. Well Hal, now your are off and gone, It's time to do the deed.
Set up a new table, make new friends, surely you will indeed, Maybe Saint Pete will join us, he'd make a good dinner pal, Just save my seat, when I get there, I'll say, I'll sit next to Hal.

Russ Miller - May 16, 2014 at 07:32 PM

WC

“ I didn't need to meet your dad to know how amazing he was, both in your life and in the lives of others. Though I wish I HAD met him, I have always loved to hear Dianne's stories about the remarkable things he did (many of them were very funny!). No words can ease the loss of such a person, especially a GREAT father. I'll be thinking of you, and I celebrate his life with you.

Wanda Cox - May 16, 2014 at 07:07 PM

KL

“ Lora Smith - my sympathies - sounds like a wonderful and accomplished man.

Kathy Lesch - May 16, 2014 at 01:24 AM

KZ

“ Hal, Helen, and their three daughters were our wonderful neighbors on Anemone Lane. Hal was a great man and friend and we will miss him. My deepest sympathies to you three girls. You are in my thoughts and prayers.

Karen (Guse) Zwick - May 15, 2014 at 12:54 PM

CR

“ I grew up just a few doors down from the Schweiger family and have such wonderful memories! Hal and Helen always welcomed me warmly into their home as daughter Dianne and I planned our daily summertime adventures. Such a tolerant pair! The legacy they left are 3 wonderful daughters filled with the love of Christ, exemplified in their daily lives. I know how much you will miss your father -- he was, indeed, a great man. Love to you all

Cathy Rogier - May 15, 2014 at 12:16 PM

TC

“ *I admired Hal as a very strong person who always would give you time to discuss things. He was good friend over the years and someone who always gave you good advice. He was one of a kind.*

Tom Coyne - May 14, 2014 at 02:32 PM