



Robert Fred Siegmund

September 21, 1942 - August 14, 2015

Obituary of Dr. Robert Siegmund

A remarkable man, Dr. Robert Fred Siegmund, 72, son of Fredrick E. Siegmund and Teresa (Pawelczyk) Siegmund has left this world for his eternal reward with God on August 14th, 2015. Dr. Siegmund, born on September 21st, 1942 was a native of Webster, Massachusetts, a graduate of Northeastern University and the recipient of a Ph.D. in Physical Chemistry from the University of Miami. His graduate thesis in solid rocket fuel technology was instrumental to NASA during the early space program in the 1970's. He was the recipient of several patents and was published in numerous technical journals and publications. Dr. Robert F. Siegmund served as Director of Analytical Research Services for the Ciba Specialty Chemicals Corporation, headquartered in Tarrytown, New York from January 1990 until his retirement in March 2003. In this position, Dr. Siegmund directed the diverse activities of the Tarrytown (TCC) Analytical Research Department. In February 2000, he also assumed responsibility for TCC's Scientific Documentation activities. Dr. Siegmund began his career with the former Ciba-Geigy Corporation in McIntosh, Alabama in 1970, serving in a number of technical assignments before moving to St. Gabriel, Louisiana in 1974 to build-up and direct the Agricultural Division's Analytical Development Group. He joined the former Plastics & Additives Division in 1978 as Technical Director for the Resins Department in Ardsley, New York. In 1982, Dr.

Siegmund became Technical Director of Composite Materials (CM), Anaheim, California and was instrumental in developing the strong technical organization required to successfully compete in the quickly evolving composites industry. He later assumed additional responsibilities as head of CM Production Operations before being named General Manager of CM in January 1986 and Vice President of Global Research and Development, Corporate Segment Composite Products, in June 1989. Dr. Siegmund also served on the former Plastics & Additives Division's Management Committee. Dr. Siegmund was an avid civil war enthusiast and a lifetime fan of the New York Yankees and the University of Miami Hurricanes. He was a proud member of the Society of Sigma Xi, the American Chemical Society, the Society of Plastics Engineers (SPE), and the Society of Manufacturing Engineers (SME).

Dr. Siegmund is survived by the love of his life for the last 48 years, Margaret (Swope) Siegmund, his daughter Kristin Bright of Alpharetta, Georgia, (Married to John) his son Steven of North Reading, Massachusetts (Married to Shana) and his beloved grandchildren Jack Bright and Madeline and Nathan Siegmund.

A viewing will be held at Beyers Funeral Home in Leesburg, Florida on Thursday evening from 6 to 8 PM. Services will be held at the Catholic Community of St. Paul's Church in Leesburg on Friday at 10:30 AM. Internment will take place at Oaklawn Memorial Gardens Cemetery in Titusville, Florida at 4:00 PM. Memorial contributions are welcome and can be made to Dr. Siegmund's favorite charities, St. Jude's Children's Cancer Research Fund or St. Paul's Food Pantry in Leesburg, Florida. If you should choose to donate to the food pantry, please include a note with the contribution that it should go specifically to the "Food Pantry" and is in

memory of Robert Siegmund.

Tribute Wall

MD

“ *Margie We were so sorry to hear the news about Bob and send you all our love and prayers. Maria*

Maria and Ferg Daly - August 21, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DV

“ *Robert Fred Siegmund*

Dick Vlaha - August 20, 2015 at 12:00 AM

PH

“ *Margie and family, our thoughts and prayers are with you. What a remarkable life Bob had, what contributions to society and those around him. With love and always as friends, we are here for you.*

Pattye and Dick Hubbard - August 20, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DA

“ *Robert Fred Siegmund*

Dennis Artman - August 18, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JA

“ *Our Love, Prayers and Belief are with you and yours through this candle - a symbol of The Light.*

Juanita & Dennis Artman - August 18, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LH

“ Our deepest sympathy and heartfelt love go to "Margie", Kristen and Steven as they grieve the loss of their husband and father. He was a good friend and gentle, thoughtful soul and we will miss him also. May God's love and healing spirit be with all of you during this painful time. Linda and Don Hallock

Linda Hallock - August 18, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JA

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Juanita & Dennis Artman - August 18, 2015 at 12:00 AM

FL

“ Our prayers are with you. With deepest sympathy, Richard and Frances Lee (former colleagues at Ciba McIntosh site)

Frances and Richard Lee - August 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM