



## Lester A. Wienert

August 31, 1925 - February 2, 2017

Lester A. Wienert of Pittsburg, Missouri, formerly of Rolla, Missouri passed away February 2, 2017 at his cottage on Pomme de Terre Lake. Lester was born in Holstein, Iowa on August 31, 1925 to the late Bernhardt and Irene (Goettsch) Wienert.

Lester attended Griggs 1-8 grade, graduate of Holstein High School class of 1943. Proudly served his Country in the United States Navy and the Merchant Marines July 1943- July 1947; He than came home and attended Iowa State University in Ames, Iowa Class of 1952, where he received his BA in Chemistry, with a minor in Engineering and Bacteriology . After graduation Lester went to work for the Swift & Company, working in Chicago and Memphis from 1952-1955, from 1955-1976 Lester worked for Buckman Laboratories as the Chief Chemist, working and developing paint, plastics searching and researching superior paint microbicide's which is a preservative for longer lasing latex paint; he operated Bulab Lab test Farm (58,000 test panels), he than published technical papers on microbicides and corrosion inhibitors; Lester was named on the patent for DAB, the new microbicide. Lester came to Rolla and in 1976 he opened Wienert MFG. Company, where he manufactured the very latest in premium paint, he was able to go from 0-\$500,000 in 21 years; he than sold his business in 1998; Lester purchased paint from that company and sold it throughout Western Missouri until 2009.

Lester was married to Ellen Lippincett 1947-1974, Helen Powell 1976-1997. he was a member of the Federation Society of Paint Coatings Technology, National Association for Testing and Materials, American Chemical Society (50 plus year member), Veteran of Foreign Wars, and The American Legion.

Graveside services with Military Honors will be held Tuesday, February 7, 2017 at the St. James Cemetery at 1:00PM.

# Events

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**FEB** **Graveside Service**01:00PM

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St. James Cemetery

MO, US

# Comments

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“ Les enjoyed a full life from adventure on the high seas to this two greatest loves – Helen and Chemistry. Not may of us are blessed with a life long pursuit that challenges us daily – his was Paint, and how to make it better and last forever. We know enjoyed painting the town, so we can now take comfort in knowing he is driving St Peter batty doing his best to paint up heaven.

We regret not being able to attend, but the timing of the service was too short to permit our travel from Mississippi.

All our Love, Karen and Stephen Grimes



**Stephen Grimes** - February 06, 2017 at 07:01 PM



“ I worked for Les at Gauntlet paints for many years until he sold the company. It saddens my heart to hear that my old friend and mentor in paint manufacturing has left us.

We didn't always see eye to eye and anyone who knew Les knows exactly what I mean. However all it would take was to start asking him questions about paint coatings or remark that Mrs. Helen looked amazing the last time you saw her and you would see a twinkle beginning in his eye and smile come upon his face and his entire mood would change. He did have a passion for both of them and loved them both dearly. You will be missed my dear friend.

As you always told me , "We never say goodbye , just , until next time"

Until next time my friend , Troy Crooks

**Troy** - May 31, 2017 at 10:08 PM