



Roy S. Nowakowski

May 1, 1924 - January 26, 2008

Roy Nowakowski was born May 1, 1924 in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. He was the youngest of 5 children. Roy received a certificate from Hamilton College in Meteorology, a bachelor degree in Electrical Engineering from Marquette University, and lastly a MBA from Indiana University. He served his country in the Air Core during WW II.

Roy is survived by his wife of 61 years, Evelyn M. (Kruczynski) Nowakowski and his 5 children, Allan R. Nowakowski, D.D.S., MS, Jane M. Swiss, E.d.D., Joan Eberhard (Hair Illusions), Richard R. Nowakowski, D.D.S., and Jean Bayless (Heartstrings/Lather-Up) He was preceded in death by his grandson William Benjamin Swiss (October 10, 1986). In addition, there are 13 grandchildren and 4 great grandchildren.

Roy was head of Research & Hostile Environment Products for 26 years at Franklin Electric. Among his numerous accomplishments was the design and development of the power system for the NR-1 submarine that found and photographed the first nuclear submarine (the USS Thresher) which, sank in the Atlantic 1963. He also designed the functional gate motors of the Panama Canal. His innovative designs were used in other projects such as the Hughes Glomar Explorer and Trident submarines. Roy worked with dignitaries such as Jacques-Yves Cousteau and Admiral Rickover. He always gave credit to those men who worked with him in the lab to make his designs become a

reality.

In the Bluffton community, Roy was president of several organizations, Rotary Club, Parlor City Golf Club, and Saint Joseph Church Holy Name Society. He further supported his community by coordinating fundraising campaigns for the United Way.

Friends are invited to visit with the family on Tuesday, January 29, 2008 from 2 to 4 & 6 to 8 in the Thoma/Rich, Chaney & Lemler Funeral Home. A Funeral Mass for Mr. Nowakowski will be held at 10:00 A.M. on Wednesday at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Bluffton. Memorial may be made to the American Heart Association or American Diabetes Association. Funeral arrangements are being handled by the Thoma/Rich, Chaney & Lemler Funeral Home

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 29. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home
308 West Washington Street
Bluffton, IN 46714
(260) 824-3850
info@thomarich.com

Visitation

JAN 29. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home
308 West Washington Street
Bluffton, IN 46714
(260) 824-3850
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Service

JAN 30. 10:00 AM (ET)

St Joseph Catholic Church
1300 N Main St
Bluffton, IN

Tribute Wall



“ Roy S. Nowakowski

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“ I went to Poplar Grove with Allan & just wanted to extend my condolences to the family. It is never easy losing a parent...I remember all too well when my father died. It certainly is a defining moment in one's life. The promise of Heaven is a comfort, not only at a time of loss, but always. May God be with you during this difficult time. Your dad was an amazing man with many achievements to his credit, and has left quite a legacy to his family. Sincerely, Susan##imported-begin##Susan (Rupel) Schafer##imported-end##

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“ Dear Family, Don happened to find this on the internet. We are in Florida, but wish to offer our deepest sympathy and prayers. We were privileged to meet your husband and father at Jeanne's open houses. He accomplished so much in his life. You are a great family. We have enjoyed our close association with Richard and Alan through the years as our dentists and friends, and have met most of the family at some point. God's blessings to you all, Janet and Don Ahlersmeyer##imported-begin##Don and Janet Ahlersmeyer##imported-end##

January 28, 2008 at 02:08 PM