



Robert Mc Donald

June 18, 1936 - April 19, 2018

Robert R. Mc Donald, age 81, passed away on Thursday, April 19, 2018. He is survived by his wife, Ruth; daughters, Deborah Doyle (Holland, MI) Diane Mabeley (McKinney, TX), Julia Pelton (Carmel, IN); and 9 grandchildren. After graduating from Indiana University, he was employed by the University of California at the Los Alamos Scientific Laboratory, New Mexico. Followed by a career with Dow Chemical Company first at Rocky Flats in Colorado at the Atomic Energy Commission, and then at Midland, Michigan. He had several years of overseas assignments including Dows Mideast/Africa area out of Geneva, Switzerland, then to Yugoslavia on the island Krk, returning from there to Traverse City, MI. Bob was granted several U.S. patents in heat transfer technology applications. He retired from Dow after 25 years. He and his wife moved to Holland, MI in 2005 and became residents of Freedom Village. He was a member of Third Reformed and HASP (Hope Academy of Senior Professionals). He later founded Aqua Clara International (a non-profit) for the application of technologies in the purification of water for developing countries. In 2009, he was awarded the Encore! Lakeshore award for his Aqua Clara achievements and received the Seven Over Seventy Award. A public memorial service is not being planned. In lieu of flowers, the family respectfully suggests donations in Robert's honor to Aqua Clara International, 88 Sun Ridge Dr. Holland, MI 49424, Third Reformed Church, 111 W. 13th St. Holland, MI 49423, or Hospice of Holland, 270 Hoover Blvd. Holland, MI 49423.

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