

Albert Lewis Obituary

Albert Dale Milton Lewis, 84, of 107 Sylvia St., West Lafayette, died at 6:15 a.m. Saturday, June 12, 2004, in his home.

Born in Paoli on May 20, 1920, he had been a resident in the Lafayette area for 50 years. He was a graduate of Paoli High School. He received his bachelor's degree in civil engineering from Purdue University in 1941 and his master's degree in 1951.

He married Eleanora G. Irons in Chicago on April 13, 1946. She survives.

Mr. Lewis served in the Navy as an electronic technician mate from 1944-46. He was an engineer, worked as a registered professional engineer and independent field engineer for the M.W. Kellogg Co. in New York City from 1941-44, and from 1946-47, working on various oil refinery construction projects in the United States during that time. From 1947-49 he worked for The Gulf Oil Corp. in Toledo and Cincinnati, Ohio. He was a design engineer for the Standard Oil Co. of California in San Francisco from 1952-54.

From 1950-52 he was an instructor of structural engineering. He was an associate professor of structural engineering from 1954 until 1985, when he was named professor emeritus of structural engineering at Purdue University.

From 1985-90 he served as chairman of the Committee on Steel Bridges on the Transportation Research Board. He contributed articles to professional journals and programs. He was a fellow of the Association of Structural and Civil Engineers serving as chairman on the Committee on Experimental Analysis and Analogues from 1965-67, and chairman of Committee on Electronic Computation from 1977-80.

He was a member of the American Society of Civil Engineers, National Society of Professional Engineers, American Society for Engineering Education, chairman of Committee 32 on Systems Engineering at the American Railway Engineering Association from 1982-84, the Society for Experimental Mechanics, the American Railway Engineering Association, chairman of the Committee on Systems Engineering from 1982-84, the American Radio Relay League, and the Indiana Society of Professional Engineers. He was a former member of the Association for Computing Machinery, The American Institute of Steel Construction and The American Concrete Institute.

The honors he had received included the Indiana Engineer of Year Award in 1986, and being listed in Who's Who in Science and Engineering, Who's Who in the World, Who's Who in America and Who's Who in the Midwest.

He was a member of the Full Gospel Business Men's Fellowship International and was member of Covenant Presbyterian Church in West Lafayette. He enjoyed amateur radio and personal computers.

Surviving with his wife are a daughter, Linda L. Raney (husband: Raymond) of Sante Fe, N.M.; and a brother, Leon Lewis of Granite Bay, Calif.