

Richard Wetzel Obituary

Dick Wetzel passed away July 31, 2004

Richard B. Wetzel Graduated from Purdue University in 1949 with BS in Civil Engineering. He owned and was CEO of Wetzel Engineers for more than thirty years.

Previously, he served in the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers at Ft. Belvoir, Virginia, as instructor in airfield design and construction. He served twice as the Director of the Metropolitan Thoroughfare Authority and in 1970 became the first Director of the Department of Transportation under Mayor Richard Lugar.

He was a Fellow of The American Society of Civil Engineers and was co-founder of the Indianapolis Metropolitan Branch of that group.

He was a Fellow and past National Vice President of the American Consulting Engineers Council, Washington, D.C., as liaison for several mid-western states. He was a past President of Consulting Engineers of Indiana and served in various capacities for many other local and regional organizations throughout his career.

He has been a lifetime member of St. Peter's Lutheran Church. He is survived by his wife Del, daughter Kathy Rollo of Traverse City, Michigan; stepsons Rob and Dayne Tennell of Indianapolis; sister Ruth Folkening of Indianapolis; brother Roland of St. Charles, Missouri; eight grandchildren and two great grandchildren.