

Gerald L. 'Gerry' Shultz – Rochester

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Gerald L. (Gerry) Shultz was born Sept. 30, 1926, in Richland Township, Ind., to Dola (Romine) and Frank Shultz. He passed away in Rochester on Sunday, Sept. 25, 2016.

Gerry moved with his parents to Cincinnati. He graduated from Greenhills Public Schools in 1944, then enlisted in the Navy, serving until 1946. After his service, he enrolled at the University of Cincinnati. He married Jean Shewman in 1948 in Cincinnati. In 1951, Gerry graduated with a degree in electrical engineering and began his career with IBM in Poughkeepsie, N.Y., working there from 1951 to 1963. He transferred to Rochester IBM and retired from there in 1988. Gerry worked on a range of projects with IBM to include character and speech recognition, the New York Stock Exchange ticker, and the first computerized cardiac monitoring system for Mayo Clinic. Jean passed away in April 2016.

Gerry loved music. He played the euphonium in several bands: the Greenhills High School Band, Navy Base Band, University of Cincinnati Marching Band, Rochester Summer Music Project, Chatfield Brass Band, Tempo Pleasers, Sheldon Theatre Brass Band, and the Civic Music Concert Band. He was still perfecting his piano skills at age 89.

He enjoyed jogging, sailing and skiing, but most of all he enjoyed adventures with his boys and vacations with Jean. Family was very important to him and he loved spending time with his sons, granddaughters and their families. His kindness and generosity were seen by his family, but also in the Rochester community, through contributions and the sharing of his time and talents as a tutor and mentor to young adults.

Gerry is survived by three sons, Dr. James Shultz (Dr. Zelde Espinel) of Sunny Isles Beach, Fla.; Robert (Vicky) Shultz of Rochester, and David (Candace) Shultz of Fargo, N.D.; eight granddaughters and seven grandsons-in-law; five great-grandsons and two great-granddaughters; and a sister, Shirley (Ben) Bader, Parkland, Fla.

No services are planned.

