

William P. Heising

HEISING, WILLIAM P. passed away on the morning of October 14, 2002 at Plaza Nursing Home in Dallas, Texas. He was born September 4, 1923 in Newark, New Jersey. He graduated from Summit High School, Summit, N.J, received a Bachelor of Chemical Engineering from Cornell University in 1944 and a MA in physics from Columbia University in 1946. William married Barbara Lewis in June of 1949 in New York City. He was employed by IBM from June 1950 through June 1991. He was closely associated with the development and application of the FORTRAN programming language for scientific and engineering application. He served as chairman of the American National Standards Committee for FORTRAN from 1962-1966, during which period FORTRAN became the first American and the first internationally standardized programming language. He worked in the Architecture Department of IBM in Poughkeepsie, NY from 1974-1981 and in marketing of IBM Bector Machines for engineering applications in Dallas, TX until his retirement in 1991. William was a member of Saint Rita Parish since 1988 and was a representative on the Dallas Area Interfaith Council. He very much enjoyed teaching chess to elementary school children for the Dallas Chess Club until he became ill with lung cancer in 1996. He is survived by his wife Barbara; four children, Anne Heising of Alexandria, VA, Ellen Montgomery of Marshfield, MA, Paul Heising of Natick, MA, Patricia Heising of Sanford, FL; three grandchildren, Elizabeth, Michelle and Madeline Montgomery; brother, Charles Heising of Wynnewood, PA, Mary Ausman of Pittsfield, MA and by four nieces and a nephew. A memorial mass will be held at Saint Rita Catholic Church, 12521 Inwood Rd. at Harvest Hill, Dallas, TX 75244. Family will receive friends from 4:00 until 5:30 p.m., Thursday, October 17, 2002 at Restland Funeral Home. Memorial contributions may be made to Saint Rita Catholic Church or American Cancer Society, P.O. Box 560089, Dallas, TX 75356-0089. **Restland Funeral Home Cemetery Crematory Mausoleum Rembrandt Florist 9220 Restland Rd. Dallas 972-238-7111**
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