

Maurice F. “Jack” Gartner passed away on March 21, 2017

Mr. Gartner was born in the City of Detroit on April 1, 1924, to Maurice F. Gartner, Sr., and Margaret Kondash Gartner, and attended Detroit Public Schools, including Northwestern High School, where he flourished in studies and sports, graduating Summa Cum Laude. He was accepted at the University of Michigan in 1941; but his studies were interrupted by WWII, and he volunteered for the Army Air Force and served until 1946. During this period, he received training at the University of Chicago, Yale University, and Harvard University, followed by assignments at various air bases as an Air Traffic Control Officer and later Group Staff Officer. After release from active duty at the end of WWII, he remained in the active Air Force Reserve until 1952. While at Michigan, he met his future wife, Marjorie Jean Kirk, and they were married in 1949. Gartner graduated from Michigan in 1948 with both a BBA and MBA degrees. Their marriage produced two sons and two daughters while living in various Chicago suburbs. Marjorie became a professional nurse and predeceased him in death in 1987 as well as his son Robert in 1993. Mr. Gartner started his lifetime employment with International Harvester in 1948 as a Progressive Student in Accounting, studying all salaried positions at their large manufacturing plant in Chicago. During his 32 years with the company, he rose thru many management positions and finally to Manufacturing Comptroller/Construction Equipment Group, which involved financial responsibilities for production plants in North America and western Europe when he retired in 1980. He was also very active in his Lutheran Church, having held many positions of leadership there. Mr. Gartner peacefully passed away on March 21, 2017. He thoroughly enjoyed his retirement years by playing golf and traveling, and even found time to meet and marry his second wife, Carole Coleman Newcomb, in October 2005, who currently survives him, along with his daughter Karen Medley and her husband Danny of Hillsboro OR, his son Glen Gartner and his wife Lisa of Tybee Island GA, his daughter Susan Gartner of Yellow Springs OH, his stepson Charles Newcomb and his wife Amy of Naperville IL, and finally, three grandchildren, four step-grandchildren, eleven great-grandchildren, and two step-great-grandchildren. Funeral arrangements will be private and his remains will be interred in the Columbarium at Arlington National Cemetery, VA. Arrangements by Cremation Society of Illinois, 773-281-5058 or www.cremation-society.com.