



Oscar B. Brumback

April 20, 2009

Oscar Benjamin Brumback, 89, long time resident of Monroeville, Pennsylvania died Monday, April 20, 2009 at Forbes Hospice in Pittsburgh. Oscar was born April 28, 1919 in El Dorado, Kansas to the late Charles Benjamin Brumback and Rutha Anna Brumback. He attended public schools in El Dorado before entering Kansas State University where he earned a B.S. in Chemical Engineering in 1942. He worked in critical war industries as a chemical engineer for DuPont, then as a mechanical engineer for Babcock & Wilcox. While serving as a Sergeant for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers during WWII, he met his wife Frances Neufeld at a USO dance and they were married on April 25, 1947 at Luther Place Church, Washington, DC. Oscar then worked as an electrical engineer for Potomac Electric Power Company in Washington, DC and as a patent examiner in the U.S. Patent Office while continuing his education at Georgetown University School of Law, earning a J.D. degree in 1951. He became a patent attorney for Bendix Aviation in New Jersey and was also an official in the Bergen County Democrat Party. In 1956, he moved to Pittsburgh as a patent attorney for Koppers Co. and later became Chief Patent Counsel until he retired in 1983. After retiring, he worked as legal counsel for the American Society of Utility Investors and handled a number of Pro Bono cases.

Oscar was a member of the DC, Virginia, Pennsylvania, and the Allegheny County Bar Associations and a registered Patent Attorney with the U.S. Patent Office. He was an active member of the International Jugglers'

Association. As a proud descendant of Peter Brumback, a hero of the Revolutionary War Battle of the Cowpens, he was also an active member of the Sons of the American Revolution, Florida chapter. Oscar became fluent in German, Spanish, and Italian, while traveling the world. Oscar also enjoyed square dancing, tap dancing, clogging, fishing, bowling, and reading. Oscar is survived by his wife Frances; his son Roger A. Brumback, M.D. and wife Mary of Omaha, NE; his daughter Carol Jean Brumback of Middletown, MD; his son Wayne Russell Brumback and wife Ellen of Whippany, NJ; and son Gary Lee Brumback, P.E. of St. Croix, U.S.V.I. Also, he is survived by his sister Betty Jane Zongker (Jerry) of El Dorado, KS and seven grandchildren: Darryl and wife Dawnita Brumback, Audrey Brumback, Owen Brumback, Sarah and husband Jared Bryant, Martha Brumback, Peter Brumback, Michael Brumback, four great-grand children, and numerous nieces, nephews and step-grandchildren. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his brother Lt. Charles (Ed) Brumback (WW II casualty) and sister Barbara Jean Miller (Harold). Friends received at the GENE H. CORL INC. FUNERAL CHAPEL & CREMATION CENTER OF MONROEVILLE, 4335 Northern Pike (1 block East of Mossie Blvd.-Rte. 48) (A Golden Rule Member). Visitation will be held on Saturday, April 25, 2009 from 10 to 11:00 a.m. followed by a service, with Pastor Richard D. Carner of Trinity Lutheran Church officiating. Interment will follow at the Restland Cemetery, Monroeville. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made in memory of Oscar B. Brumback to the Alzheimer's Association, 225 N. Michigan Ave., Chicago, IL 60601 or to the American Lung Association National Headquarters 1301 Pennsylvania Ave., NW, Washington, DC 20004.