



GLEN WILSON KRAUTH

Family & friends gathered on Saturday, December 02, 2006 at the Krauth residence to celebrate the life of Glen Wilson Krauth, age 82. Glen passed away at his home on Wednesday, November 29, 2006.

Glen was born on May 20, 1924 in Shiawassee County, Michigan, to Francis Joseph and Esther Elizabeth (Judd) Lockhart Krauth. Glen, his brother, John and half-sister, Persis were raised on a farm in Michigan. In 1942, Glen graduated from the Owosso high school in Owosso, Michigan. World War II ended on the day Glen and his future brother-in-law Rollin Spitler, were actually getting on the bus, heading for military duty.



He married Katherine Mae Bittell on December 10, 1944 in the Henderson Methodist Church in Henderson, Michigan. Katherine's parents, Roy and Alice (Bond) Bittell owned a farm in the same community and knew Glen's parents who were also members of the Church. Glen and Katherine became acquainted when they joined the choir.

Glen introduced to the plastics industry in 1956, when he began working at Mitchell Plastics, Inc. in Owosso, Michigan. This led to a lifetime vocation that he mastered to an expertise over the years and for which he became well known in the field. A fellow business man spoke of Glen, "I always had great admiration for his open mind any time he consulted with us about products and processes. He was never negative, not once. We were certainly a beneficiary of his vast experience and knowledge."

Glen, Katherine and their two sons, Richard Glen Krauth and Robert Martin Krauth moved to Reynoldsburg, near Columbus, Ohio, in 1960. There, he and his brother John established Mid-Ohio Industries. In 1964, Glen and Katherine were blessed with another son, Martin Glen Wilson Krauth.

Mid-Ohio Industries expanded into Allied Plastics and in 1971, as Allied Polymer, was a welcomed new employment to the small town of Swainsboro, GA. When the oil crisis occurred in the mid-1970's, and affected the plastics industry, the ever-enterprising Glen ventured into a new business and established Thermo Window and Door Company in Panama City, Florida. After enjoying eleven years in Florida, Glen, Katherine and their youngest son, Martin (Marty), moved back to Georgia, whereupon Glen went back to his initial and primary business interest, the plastics industry. Here in Cumming, Georgia, he established General Tool Die & Mold, Inc. and as such, worked closely with his son Marty in conjunction with GMB Plastics, Inc.

A hardworking man with amazing entrepreneurial skills, Glen enjoyed life to its fullest. Glen was a devoted husband who took great pride in his children and grandchildren. He enjoyed his free time with his family, playing computer games and cards, mostly bridge and pinochle, golfing and puttering around the house and garden. Glen and Katherine traveled around the United States, and enjoyed camping in the family's motor home. He and Katherine also had memorable trips to Puerto Rico, Mexico, Egypt, and even spent one Thanksgiving with Indians on their reservation in Alabama.

A most generous man, Glen loved to entertain and was always happy to open his home to his many friends. He was always one with an easy smile, open arms, who might just give you a hug or a quick peck on the cheek. His easy charm led to his nickname of "Cruise", coined by his oldest son, Richard (Rick). Glen was always there for his friends and family, never thinking twice about giving help to anyone who needed it. This admirable quality stemmed from his days as a farmer when everyone would chip in to help each other in times of need.

His son, Robert Martin Krauth (Bob), his brother, John Francis Krauth, his sister Persis (Lockhart) Bamber, sister-in-law, Viola (Bittell) Spitler, and brothers-in-law Rollin Spitler and Richard Horton, preceded Glen in death. Glen is survived by his wife, Katherine, his children, Richard and Nina (Hollister)Krauth, of Fresno, CA and Martin and Angie (White) Krauth, of Cumming, Georgia; grandchildren, Robert Martin Krauth II, Richard Dustin Krauth, Jamie Katherine Krauth and newborn, Ella MaKay Krauth; and one great-grandchild, Triston Krauth. Brothers-in-laws and sisters-in-laws, James and Linda (Townsend) Bittell, Delores (Hazzard) Krauth and Marjory (Bittell) Horton, all of Florida, Kenneth and Barbara (Greer) Bittell, of Michigan, and beloved nieces and nephews, grand nieces and nephews in Michigan, Florida, Maryland, Colorado, and Texas also survive him.. His family and friends will miss Glen. We will miss his shy smile and twinkling eyes. He was a good man.