

Werner Klein

February 25, 1934 - August 25, 2016

Werner Klein, 82, of Hoopeston, IL, passed away at 6:07 A.M. Thursday August 25, 2016, at Presence United Samaritans Medical Center in Danville, IL. He was born February 25, 1934 in Stuttgart, Germany, the son of Anton and Anna (Thalmann) Klein. He married Pauline Abbott on October 10, 1959, at the Travis Air Force Base Chapel in San Francisco, CA. She survives in Hoopeston, IL.

He is survived by two daughters, Heidi Crouch of Hoopeston, IL and Annalisa Klein-Bassett (Jeff Bassett) of Charleston, S.C.; two grandchildren, Nathan Crouch of Chicago, IL and Samantha Crouch of Los Angeles, CA and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents and one brother, Rolf Klein.

Werner came to the United States in 1956 from Germany with \$5 in his pocket and unable to speak English. Six months after his arrival, he was to be drafted but chose to join the Air Force, where he served from January 29, 1957 to January 27, 1961. He became a United States citizen in 1960. Werner was very proud to be an American. He worked at Danville Metal Stamping as a tool and die maker for 28 years. He loved his job and took great pride in it. He was a thirty-second degree member of the Star Lodge #709 in Hoopeston, a member of the Shriners in Danville and volunteered at the Salvation Army. Werner enjoyed collecting many things including, coins and stamps, trains, oil cans, fossils and cars. He also enjoyed woodworking, dancing to big band music and was a backyard birder.

A visitation will be held 2:00 – 5:00 P.M. Sunday August 28, 2016 at Anderson Funeral Home 427 E. Main St. Hoopeston, IL. Masonic rites will be held at 2:00 P.M. Sunday August 28, 2016 at the funeral home. The funeral service will be at 10:00 A.M. Monday August 29, 2016 at the funeral home, with Pastor Kevin Purdy officiating. Burial will follow in Floral Hill Competers in Hoopeston. Military rites will be accorded by the Hoopeston.

Memorials may be made to the Shriner Hospital for Children 2211 N. Oak Park Ave. Chicago, IL 60707.