

Harrer, Joseph M

Noted Elmhurst Engineer Dies

Joseph M. Harrer, 60, of 100 W. Butterfield, Elmhurst, died Aug. 9. A 10 a.m. funeral mass was conducted Saturday, Aug. 11, at Visitation Church in Elmhurst. Burial was in Queen of Heaven cemetery.

Mr. Harrer was chairman of the electrical engineering department and professor of electrical engineering at Mid-west College of Engineers in Lombard. In addition, he was employed as senior electrical engineer at Argonne National Laboratories where he served as the section head of the instrumentation and control group from 1947 to the present.

Prof. Harrer was a registered professional engineer in Illinois and a fellow of the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers. He was also a member of the American Nuclear society, the Scientific Society of America and the National Society of Professional Engineers.

He was listed in American Men of Science, Who's Who in Atoms, Who's Who in the Mid-West. He held numerous patents in his field and had many publications in his area of research.

His education included a B.S.E.E. from Rensselaer Polytechnic institute in 1934, an M.S.E.E. from the Illinois Institute of Technology and a Ph.D. from IIT in 1965.

He contributed to several books including: The Dictionary of Physics; Boiling Water Reactors; Reactor Handbook; and his own work, Nuclear Reactor Control Engineering published in 1963.

Survivors include his wife, Suzanne; three daughters, Mrs. Lora Lavin, Mrs. Nancy Baum and Elizabeth Ann; his mother, Mrs. Teresa Pschierer; a brother, Dr. Francis Pschierer; one sister, Mrs. Marie Brown; and three grandchildren.

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