



Lew D. Spangler

August 3, 1932 - May 2, 2020

Lew D. Spangler, 87, of Bloomington passed away Saturday, May 2, 2020 at Aperion Care Nursing Facility in Spencer. He was born on August 3, 1932 in Salamanca, New York; the son of Charles W. and Annabelle (Harden) Spangler.

Lew attended school through the 8th grade in New York State before his family moved to Bloomington in 1947, where Lew graduated from Indiana University High School in 1951. He enlisted in the United States Navy following graduation and was honorably discharged in 1955. During his service time, Lew advanced to Petty Officer Second Class, where he obtained training in the field of engineering. He served aboard the USS Laffey and served as a combat veteran of the Korean Conflict. Ultimately, he sailed on the USS Laffey completely around the world twice, visiting some twenty-seven foreign countries and cities.

Following his honorable discharge, Lew joined The Electrical Workers Union as an apprentice electrician. He was awarded journeyman status in 1958, and became a charter member of The Joint Apprenticeship and Training Committee where he was an instructor for two years training Union Apprentice Electricians.

Lew served his apprenticeship at Bud's Electric Company, and was granted

Master Electrician License by the City of Bloomington in 1962. He was the Electrical Superintendent for the construction of the radio and television complex for Indiana University (with Moorehead Electric Company) and performed electrical installation during the construction of Channel 13 Television Transmitter for Indiana University (Steele and Beard Electric Company). Lew's electrical career continued through Otis Elevator (through Hatfield Electric Company), through the installation of the machinery necessary along with the complete renovation of the seven story Administration Building at Indiana University (through Pierson Electric Company). He finished as Electrical Superintendent with Hinesly Electrical Company in the establishing the construction of three large flood control pumping stations along the Walbash River. Lew founded The Quality Electric Heating and Cooling Company in Sullivan Indiana and owned and operated the company for nearly 30 years. Lew loved engineering and inventing. He was the author of many short stories.

Lew is survived by his wife of 47 years, Carol Sue (Kelley) Spangler, whom he married in 1973; children from his first marriage, Tony Spangler of Indianapolis, Kevin Spangler of Bloomington, and Brenda Linde of Albuquerque, New Mexico; four grandchildren; two great-grandchildren, with one on the way; siblings, George and Ann.

He was preceded in death by his parents, and siblings, Phil and Evelyn.

There will be no services at this time. Allen Funeral Home and Crematory, 4155 S. Old State Road 37, Bloomington have been entrusted with arrangements. Online condolences, photos, and memories may be shared with family and friends at www.allencares.com

Tribute Wall



“ Hi Carol.
Bev Spangler here, niece of Uncle Lew. (George's daughter.) So sorry for your loss. Haven't been in touch since college I think, when I used to hang out with Brenda occasionally. Don't hear from Brenda anymore, but I hope she's ok. Sending my love to every one of you in Uncle Lew's life. Take good care, Bev bee.0317@ gmail.com

Be Spangled - May 28, 2020 at 08:52 PM

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“ So sorry to hear of Lew's passing. While in Sullivan, Lew taught me a lot about his trade while we reworked the Sherman Building. Whatever he tackled, he was successful with. Have a lot of memories of working with him on many projects. A great guy and mentor in many ways...

David Shrum - May 04, 2020 at 09:47 PM

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“ Carol.....I'm so sorry to hear about Lew. He was a special person. We dealt with him on numerous occasions about electrical problems in Sullivan. He was the best and always helped us out. Praying for you and the family.

Sonny and Ruth Wilson

Sonny and Ruth Wilson - May 04, 2020 at 01:52 PM

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“ Carol...so sorry to hear of Lew's passing. I have some great memories of you two when you were in Sullivan. I was always impressed by how knowledgeable Lew was in so many areas. He always greeted me with a smile. I know you will miss him. You are in our thoughts and prayers.

*Bob & Susan McCammon
Sullivan, IN*

Bob McCammon - May 04, 2020 at 08:00 AM