



## Ernest R. Cunningham

May 22, 1926 - June 13, 2014

Ernest R. Cunningham Jr. passed away June 13, 2014, at his home. He was born May 22, 1926, to Ernest and Maude Cunningham in Adair, Missouri. Ernest graduated from the University of Missouri with a Master's Degree in Agricultural Engineering. Coming from a farming family in rural Missouri, he was the first to attend college. He was able to achieve this level of education by serving in the US Navy and obtaining financial assistance from the GI Bill. He valued his college experience and encouraged all his children and grandchildren to seek higher education. Ernest married Frances J. Drury in 1950. They moved to the Chicago area in 1952 and settled in Libertyville shortly thereafter. Ernest had a variety of careers, from manufacturing to engineering design to technical editing. Eventually, he and Frances founded the family-owned businesses Grip-Pak Retail, Inc. and Poly-X-Trusion, Inc. to manufacture and distribute products based on some of his numerous patents. Ernest was preceded in death by Frances, his wife of 51 years. Surviving are his 4 children: Teresa (Robert) Kvietkauskas of Carlisle, MA, Cheryl (Sidney) Levine of Chicago, IL, Stuart Cunningham, DDS of Hopkinton, NH, and Brenda (Tim Manns) Cunningham of Mount Vernon, WA; and grandchildren, Anne and John Pauler, and Ross and David Heyman. The family requests that no flowers be sent, but would appreciate contributions in memory of Ernest's late wife Frances to organizations that provide books for young readers, such as Open Books or your local library. Family services were held on Monday, June 16, 2014 at Burnett-Dane Funeral Home in Libertyville. Info, 847-362-

3009 or sign the guestbook at [www.burnettdane.com](http://www.burnettdane.com).

# Tribute Wall



“ *Teresa, my condolences to you and your family.*

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**Marge Bousson** - April 27, 2018 at 05:55 AM



“ *Your Father will be greatly missed. He and Fran were a perfect couple. You are in my thoughts and prayers during this time of sadness.*

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**Mary Elias** - April 27, 2018 at 05:55 AM



“ *Cherish your memories! God will open his hand and satisfy the desire of every living thing. Psalm 145:16*

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“ *I have very fond memories visiting Pete and Frances in Libertyville in the 1970's with my then husband Larry Wintermeyer, nephew of Pete, and our daughter Holly. Pete was an amazing man and Frances was a wonderful woman.*

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**Audrey Wintermeyer Ellis** - March 24, 2014 at 12:00 AM