

Oct. 25, 1927 - Dec. 2, 2005

Charles Edward "Mike" McGaw Jr., 78, died at 12:55 p.m. Friday, Dec. 2, 2005, in his home with his family at his side. He was born Oct. 25, 1927, in Kokomo, the son of Georgia and Charles Edward McGaw, who also was known as "Mike."

Mike lived his life in Kokomo and graduated from Kokomo High School in 1946.

He attended Purdue University. He married Martha Louise Smith on March 19, 1948, in a service officiated by Dr. Hurd Allyn Drake at First Church on Walnut Street, the former location of First Presbyterian Church.



Mike McGaw

Mike worked for 41 years at Haynes Stellite, formerly known as the Stellite Division of Union Carbide. He was manager of plant engineering when he retired on Jan. 1, 1990. He was presented with the distinguished Engineer Emeritus Award for his exemplary employee service. Mike continued working as a consulting engineer during his retirement.

He used his construction engineering talents as a member of the Kokomo Housing Authority Commission, appointed to that board by former mayor Harold "Scottie" Scott. During that time, Mike helped advise in the construction of two of the city's elderly housing facilities.

Mike was a deacon and elder in First Presbyterian Church. In addition, he was a member of the Elks Lodge and Kiwanis Club. After retirement, Mike served for two years as a volunteer reading tutor for local elementary school children until the program ended.

A man of many talents and interests, Mike was an accomplished weaver, wood craftsman and loved working in his yard. An avid golfer, he also spent earlier years fly fishing.

He is survived by his wife of 57 years, Martha; their daughter, Susan and son-in-law, Ken Felt of Phoenix, Ariz., and two grandchildren, Amanda and Lucas Felt, both of Chicago. He was preceded in death by his mother, Georgia LaMar McGaw, and his father for whom he was named.

A private graveside service will be held on Tuesday at Crown Point Cemetery. A memorial service will be at 7 p.m. Tuesday at First Presbyterian Church, 2000 W. Jefferson St., with Pastors Louis Sandos and Jerry Van Auken officiating. The family will receive friends in Fellowship Hall immediately following the memorial service.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorials be made in Mike's name to Guardian Angels Hospice, American Cancer Society, or First Presbyterian Church with envelopes available at the church. Arrangements by Shirley & Stout Funeral Homes.