



Thomas Eugene Persing

September 2, 1930 - June 25, 2019

Thomas Eugene Persing, 88, of Freetown, passed away on June 25, 2019 at his residence. He was born on September 2, 1930 in Toledo, Ohio and resided most of his life in Anderson.

Tom graduated from Anderson High School in 1948, General Motors Institute in 1952, and earned his Masters Degree in Engineering from Purdue University.

He was an engineer for General Motors Corporation for 42.8 years, where he developed head lamps and tail lamps. He received six patents during his career.

He was a member of the Nashville United Methodist Church, and was a former member of the First United Methodist Church and St. Matthew's Methodist Church both of Anderson, where he was involved with their outreach programs. Tom was such a good family man. He raised not only his children, but his six step-children as well. He was loved by so many.

Tom is survived by his loving bride, Lucretia Cregar; children, Tim (Lori Bazur-Persing) Persing, Ted (Donna) Persing, Teri Persing, and Jane Persing; grandchildren, Ian, Carrie, Kyle, Elsie, Evan, Eric, Isaac, Bryony, and Jill; and seven great-grandchildren. Also surviving are sisters, Mary Phillips and Sue

Powell; step children, Kelly, Kristi, Julie, Jamie, Becky, Don, David, Dan, Chris, Debbie, and Diana, and several nieces, nephews, and step-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Laurel and Esther (Hall) Persing; late wives, Cora Sue Persing and Nancy "Petie" Persing; step-children, Karin Gray and Kathy Gray; and the mother of children, Barbara Phillips.

Graveside services will take place on Saturday, June 29, 2019, at 11:00 am at East Maplewood Cemetery in Anderson with Rev. Mary Cartwright officiating.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Habitat for Humanity or the American Cancer Society.