



Dr. Douglas Vern Keller, Jr.

February 8, 1928 - April 10, 2008

Dr. Douglas Vern Keller, Jr., 80, of LaFayette, New York passed away Thursday, April 10, 2008 in Syracuse, New York. He was a graduate of Buffalo University in 1955 and Syracuse University with a PHD degree in 1958 in Chemistry. He proudly served during WWII in the US Navy and in Korea in the US Army.

He was a professor of Material Science at Syracuse University until 1978. Then, along with his partner the late Clay D. Smith, invented the Otisca process, an alternate fuel using coal. He returned as an adjunct professor to Syracuse University in 1986 working in the field of fiber optics.

Dr. Keller was the author of many patents and belonged to numerous professional organizations. He served as chairman of the American Society of Metals and American Chemical Society. He was a charter member of the LaFayette Optomist Club, a member of the LaFayette Central School Board, past member of the COSMOS Club in Washington, D.C., IOOF, and veterans organizations.

He was predeceased by a grandson, Andrew Abbott.

Surviving are his wife of 55 years, the former Patricia Roussac, two daughters; Jennifer Abbott of Gurnee, Illinois, Diana (Sam) Frink of

Weaverville, California, sons; Dr. D. Steven (Kathy) Keller of Oxford, Ohio, Brian Keller of Binghamton, New York, six grandchildren; Steven D. Keller of Durham, North Carolina, Amanda and Grace Frink of L.A. California, Matthew Abbott of Seattle, Washington, Patrick and Michael Abbott of Illinois, also his sister; Mrs. Suzanne Parsons of Poca, West Virginia.

Services will be 11:00am Wednesday, April 16, 2008 at the Church of the Savior, 437 James Street, Syracuse, New York. Burial will be in LaFayette Rural Cemetery, LaFayette, New York. Calling hours will be 4:00-7:00pm Tuesday, April 15, 2008 at the Ballweg & Lunsford Funeral Home, Inc., 2584 Field Lane, LaFayette, New York.

In lieu of floral offerings, please donate to the LaFayette Opromist Clubs High School Scholarship Fund or a charity of choice.

Tribute Wall



“ *Ballweg & Lunsford Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Dr. Douglas Vern Keller, Jr.*

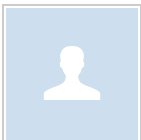


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“ *On this day I remember Uncle Skip for his big hugs, belly laughs, the smell of his pipe, great conversations, and his love of life, his family, and his work. To Aunt Pat and my cousins - know that my thoughts and prayers are with you and that Uncle Doug will be greatly missed!*

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“ *From your loving sister with hugs and kisses.*

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“ *Family, Uncle, bear hugs, hearty laughter, stories of intellectual enlightening, and the love of education and the Right side of Politics. Love, your neice Debbie(1DC)*

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“ *To all the great years of being friends and neighbors on LaFayette Rd. and my special thoughts to Brian.*

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“ *My condolences to Steve and all the family. I remember Dr. Keller very fondly from my days at Otisca. I always said he was the smartest man I ever knew - and very kind to a young kid at her very first "grownup" job. I will keep you all in my prayers. with heartfelt sympathy, Lisa*

April 12, 2008 at 12:00 AM