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A Registered Professional Engineer, Ken Ohlman, 77 years of South Toledo, passed away early Sunday morning, February 17, 2008 at the Hospice of Northwest Ohio Center, Toledo. He was born in Buffalo, NY to Harold and Mary (Gunsinger) Ohlman.

Ken graduated from Maumee High School and the University of Toledo with a Bachelor of Science degree in Civil Engineering. While at UT he was enrolled in the R.O.T.C. program and upon graduation he was commissioned a 2nd Lieutenant in the Corps of Engineers and served in the Far East including Korea. He obtained the rank of Colonel before his military discharge..

After returning home from active duty, Ken continued as an U.S. Army Reserve Officer working as a Liaison for West Point Military Academy assisting young people from Northwest Ohio in obtaining admission to West Point. Ken also returned to school, taking additional Business Management courses at Davis Junior College and obtaining a license as a Civil Engineer. He also had additional Army Engineering courses, as well as, attending the Army War College near Dallas, TX in 1978. Ken was associated with the

University of Toledo's Military Education Department through the years serving in a number of capacities.

In 1957 Ken married Madeline Cook and they had three children together. Ken worked for the Ohio Department Of Transportation as a project engineer for 32 years. During that period of time he participated in the construction of the expressway system around Toledo. In 1985 he retired from O.D.O.T. and immediately went to work for Gerkin Paving Company of Napoleon, OH, as a Construction Superintendent. He oversaw the work that they were doing on Toledo's highway system, as well as, the work that they were involved with in Northwest Ohio, retiring for health reasons in 1994.

During his years working, Ken found time to start a small and very successful manufacturing business called K.D.M. Tackle Company in 1973, making fishing lures.

Ken was an avid gambler and he often attended various Monte Carlo nights held by local charities around Ohio. He also enjoyed trips to Windsor and Las Vegas playing his 3 favorite games: craps, black jack and poker in their casinos. He was a very good gambler, a professional so to speak, at least in his children's eyes and he always came back home ahead of the game.

He is the widower of Madeline who died in 1994. Surviving are his children Kimberly Speelman, David Ohlman and Mark (Vickie) Ohlman along with grandchildren Heather (John) Loughner, Jessica Iagulli, Kenneth and Shane Speelman, Ashley and Joshua Ohlman, Jason Ohlman, Jennifer (Eric) Ferrell and Tori Szymanski; great-grandchildren Jake Ferrell, Emily Ferrell, Wesley Loughner and Mariah Szymanski, Levi Brown and Isiah Luce; sister Helen (McMillan) Kosier and sister-in-law Carol Moore.

Friends may visit at the Coyle Funeral Home, 1770 S. Reynolds Rd., on

Thursday, February 21, 2008 from 2-8 p.m. where a Scripture Service will be held at 7 p.m. The funeral will begin in the mortuary Friday, February 22, 2008 at 9:30 a.m. followed by a Funeral Mass at St. Patrick of Heatherdowns Church at 10 a.m. Interment St. Rose Cemetery, Perrysburg.