



William E. Sala

November 9, 1924 - May 11, 2009

William E. Sala, 84, died Monday, May 11, 2009, at home. He was born on November 9, 1924 to Earl V. Sala and Marie Kapp Sala. He graduated from Scott High School and the University of Michigan BSME, where he was the President of Sigma Chi Fraternity. Bill married Carol McCormick Sala of Toledo on April 27, 1946. Together they had two daughters, Judy and Christy. In addition, Bill was grandfather to seven and great-grandfather to five. He lived most of his adult life in Pepper Pike, a suburb of Cleveland. Bill and Carol moved to Swan Creek Retirement Village in 2004.

Bill worked at Owens Corning and Electric Auto Lite prior to joining Eaton Corp. in Cleveland in 1957 as Chief Engineer of the Climate Controls Division. He was awarded several patents for electromagnetic clutches for air conditioning compressors, and power windows for automobiles. He also served as Marketing Manager Climate Controls Division, Director Asia and Oceania - Eaton International, General Manager Molded Products Operations and Director Corporate Planning before retiring in 1987.

Bill lived a very active life and was extremely involved in his community. He was a member of the Country Club, Kiwanis Club of Lander Circle, and Society of Automotive Engineers, ASME He served on the Civil Service Commission of Pepper Pike for 14 years, and on the committee to initiate a recycling program in the City of Pepper Pike. He worked tirelessly for the

Kiwanis Club where he served as chairman of the Community Services Committee and chaired a project to build a senior center serving five Eastern suburbs of Cleveland. He recently chaired Healthcare committee and served on several other committees at the Swan Creek Retirement Village.

Bill and Carol had a remarkable marriage of almost 60 years. After her death in 2006, Bill continued to cherish his time with family visiting relatives around the country. He was a vibrant, loving man who brought joy and laughter to all those around him. Movie nights and frequent outings with Carol's sisters, Mary Jo and Katie were the highlights of his weeks. His boundless energy lead him on several recent cruises and trips around the world. He visited Spain, Portugal and Costa Rica with his daughter and sisters-in-law. He also loved all sports, played golf and tennis, fished and gardened.

He is survived by his daughter, Christy S. Krebs, Annapolis, MD; son-in-law, Bill Legg, Baltimore, MD; grand-children, Kim Seifert (David), Kristen Surface (John), William Legg III, Anne Legg, Edward Boyd, Cameron Boyd, and Grant Krebs.; five great-grandchildren; and sister Marjorie Friauf. He was preceded in death by his wife, Carol McCormick Sala (2006), his daughter, Judy Sala Legg (2000), his parents; and siblings Mary Christine Fisher, Anna Therese Kroetz, Marie Joanne Weldon, and Earl V. Sala Jr.

Visitation will be Wednesday, May 13, 2009 at 10:00 a.m. at St. Joan of Arc Church on Heatherdowns Blvd. The Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated immediately following the visitation at 11:00 a.m.

Those wishing to honor Bill's life with a memorial contribution are asked to consider the Swan Creek Retirement Village Life Healthcare Fund, 5916 Crethaven Lane, Toledo, OH 43614, Hospice of Northwest Ohio or Sunshine Inc of Northwest Ohio, 7223 Maumee Western Rd., Toledo, OH.

Tribute Wall



“ We knew and loved Bill in so many ways, and yet, reading his obituary, there was so much more. He was unassuming, steady as a rock, gregarious, a natural leader, the man who did what needed doing. (among other tasks he assumed, he was the Creekside "sewer plant" Council observer with Janet). He was a fellow U-M fan, a golfer from the ladies' tees with Lafe Fox and Bill Bradford and Bob (only once a year). We were all glad that he was part of our lives, and missed him when he moved back to Toledo. Now we can't even reach him by phone, but we know he's shining his light in a new place. What a great guy!###imported-begin##Bob and Janet Neary rdnjen@aol.com###imported-end##

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“ As an Eaton associate & friend of Bill in the 50's & 60's I remember him fondly. Our Toledo and UofM backgrounds were also a bond. Fun guy to work with at trade shows and elsewhere. Serious in his work, family was important. We learn too late what we have lost as work and the years move people apart.
You done well. Bill, even if you did go to Scott HS!###imported-begin##John A. Kinley jakinley@att.net###imported-end##

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“ I am so very sorry to hear of his passing, I worked with Bill for many years at the Lander Circle Kiwanis Colthing Barn and am still there. We at the Kiwanis Club have fond memories of Bill and his works and energies. May God take care of his now.
Shirley, Pres. Elect of LCK###imported-begin##Shirley Mac Donald-Gall sjmdmac4@adelphia.net###imported-end##

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“ Thanks for being such a good friend, especially on Sunday mornings! Katie and I will miss you and your hugs after 9:30 Mass. Barb Holdcroft###imported-begin##Barb and Katie Holdcroft barholdcroft@bex.net###imported-end##

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“ THE SALA FAMILY.... iAM REALLY SORRY FOR YOUR LOSS. BILL WAS A WONDERFUL MAN AND CLIENT.I CLEANED HIS HOME FOR ABOUT 5 YEARS AND REALLY ENJOYED HIS BUBBLY PERSONALITY. HE WILL BE GREATLY MISSED. ANNE SNYDER###imported-begin##Anne Snyder###imported-end##

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“ *Mr. Sala... You brought me into your life and Carols a few years back, by hiring me as your housecleaner. You were so nice to me and we laughed about certain things. I find it hard that I won't see you anymore. But I know your where you want to be., with (Carol). I will miss you and never forget you. God bless you and say hi to carol for me. Anne Snyder##imported-begin##Anne Snyder##imported-end##*

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“ *Dear Sala Family,
I am so sorry to have read of your loss please accept my sincere condolences. Something that may bring your family comfort is what the Bible says at john 5:28,29 and Revelation 21:4. These vereses talk about when God is going to bring about a resurrection and how he is going to get rid of all causes we have for suffering so that we can live in peace. Once again I am so sorry for your loss.*

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Comfort214@gmail.com##imported-end##*

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“ *Dear Sala Family,
I just wanted to send my condolences for your great loss. Although times such as this are very difficult may you find comfort in the love of family and many friends. I have also found much comfort in passages such as John 5:28,29 which speaks of the resurrection hope as well as Rev. 21:4 where God promises to do away with all the things that cause us suffering and pain including death forever. It is my sincere hope that these thoughts will bring you comfort as well. Once again I am so sorry for your loss..*

*Laura##imported-begin##Laura Jones
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