

-Daniel Francis Davidson-



Saginaw, Michigan Passed away suddenly Wednesday, June 13, 2012, at his home. Age 56 years. The son of Douglas F. Davidson and the late Shirley Victoria Davidson was born July 31, 1955 in Montreal, Quebec, Canada. He served with the U. S. Navy for 24 years and currently was employed by Yeo and Yeo Computer Consultants where he very much enjoyed his work for the past 16 years. He was a member of American Legion Post #22, enjoyed fishing, bowling with his co-workers and most of all spending time with his daughter, his grandson and his dogs, Little Bit and Mya. Surviving are his daughter, Jenna Davidson and her fiancé, Tracy Littlejohns; his grandson, Andrew Littlejohns; his sons, Jeremy Kocks and Douglas Davidson; his lifelong best friend and ex-wife, Tammy; his father and step-mother, Douglas F. and Beverly Davidson; a brother, a sister and their spouses, Douglas and Anna Davidson; Victoria and Doug Kiely; many nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends. He was

predeceased by his mother, Shirley, and a brother, John Robert Davidson. Funeral services will take place at 7:00 p.m. Tuesday, June 19, 2012, at the W. L. Case and Co. Funeral Chapel, 4480 Mackinaw Rd. Rev. Rob Richards will officiate with Military Honors under the auspices of V.F.W. Post #1859. Friends may call at the funeral chapel from 1:00 p.m. Tuesday until the time of the funeral service. In lieu of flowers those planning an expression of sympathy may wish to consider fund set up for his grandson, Andrew, at Chase Bank.
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Vogelei Bob

Vogelei Robert A. passed away peacefully on Thursday, March 29, 2012.

He was 85 years old.

He is survived by his wife of 61-years, Janet; his children, Kirk (Joan) Vogelei of Troy, MI, Richard (Barbara) Vogelei of Scottsdale, AZ, Nancy Lesinski of Troy, MI, Jon Vogelei of Royal Oak, MI; grandchildren, Robert (Gretchen) Vogelei, Caroline (Todd) Sepp, Drew (Kristin) Vogelei, Kathryn (Bradford) Rahn, Matthew (Sarah) Vogelei, Sarah Lesinski, Brendan Lesinski, Christopher Burgess; great-grandchildren, Connell Vogelei, Regan Sepp, Grace Vogelei; and other extended family members.

A Memorial service will be held at Lutheran Church of the Redeemer, Birmingham, MI on Friday, May 11.

Long-time Corvette Engineer Dies
Robert A. Vogelei, Rochester Hills

Robert Vogelei, a well-respected engineer at General Motors who was instrumental in early composite automotive body structures development, especially on the Corvette, passed away Thursday, March 29, 2012 from congestive heart failure. He was 85.

Paul Huzzard, who worked under Mr. Vogelei for 14 years, said "Bob was both a father figure and a business mentor to me. He was always a straight shooter and totally candid in all dealings. His excellent engineering skills were complimented by a great business sense of what it took to be successful in the automotive industry."

Born November 1, 1926 in Port Huron, he grew up in the Yale area until he moved to Redford in during World War II where he attended Redford High School.

Mr. Vogelei graduated with a body & chassis engineering degree from General Motors Institute (now Kettering) in 1948 where he was assigned to the Cadillac Motor Car Division, and transferred in 1950 to the Cleveland Tank Plant. He joined Chevrolet at the Engineering Center in Warren in 1955.

From 1963 through 1983, Mr. Vogelei was staff engineer for Corvette Body and Structures, responsible for all Corvette body systems. During this time, he earned three General Motors' Inventor Recognition Awards for new innovations.

After working at General Motors for 42 years, Mr. Vogelei retired in 1987, where his last position was CPC (Chevrolet, Pontiac & GM of Canada) Chief Engineer – Concept Vehicle Studies. He then went on to work at Libby Owens Ford (Toledo) in Advanced Vehicle Planning and Creative Industries (Auburn Hills) as Chief Body Engineer.

He was a member of the American Society of Body Engineers, the Engineering Society of Detroit, and the Society of Automotive Engineers.

Mr. Vogelei and his wife retired to Hendersonville, North Carolina in 1991, returning to Michigan in January 2011.

His hobbies were diverse. Mr. Vogelei had a pilot's license and was co-owner of an Aircoupe in the late 1950s, and kept up his love of aeronautics as an RC airplane enthusiast. He was a long-time sailor, crewing in the Port Huron to Mackinac race many times as well as owning a family sailboat. He also skied and golfed.

"Whatever my husband did, he did 110% and he'd involve the family," said his wife Janet, "He worked hard and played hard; it was great for the family to experience so many activities."

Besides his wife, other survivors include his sons Kirk, Rick, Chris and daughter Nancy; eight grandchildren and three great grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held Friday, May 11 at Lutheran Church of the Redeemer 1800 W. Maple Road, Birmingham. Contact the church at 248-644-4010 for more details.