



Kenneth Walter Pobanz, 73, of Maineville, Ohio, died peacefully Tuesday, Aug. 26, 2014, surrounded by family.

Ken was born Oct. 23, 1940, in Detroit.

His family returned to the family farm in Owendale, where he spent his formative years. Upon his high school graduation, he served in the U.S. Air Force, retiring as a senior master sergeant from his last posting at Tactical Air Command Headquarters, Langley Air Force Base, Virginia. After his retirement from the military, he joined General Electric Aircraft Engines, where he spent the remainder of his working career, before retiring fully in 2011.

Ken and his wife Rita enjoyed the travel resulting from his career as well as numerous pleasure trips. The course of his career and curiosity took him to Europe, Asia, the Middle East, South America, Africa and Australia. His most recent trip was a river cruise through Germany and Eastern Europe with his beloved wife and daughter.

He is survived by his wife of 54 years, Rita B. Pobanz; daughter, Karen Ann Pobanz-Poole; son, Stephen Michael Pobanz; daughter-in-law, Sara M. Pobanz; grandchildren, Jessica Renee Poole, Jason Grady Poole, Samuel Otto Pobanz, Kenneth Jacob Pobanz; great-grandson, Carter Ferguson; sisters, Kathy (Tom) Wojciechowski and Marge Baker; sisters-in-law, Joanne Pobanz, Ruth (Sam) Sirignano and Mary (John) Kelly; numerous nieces, nephews, family members and friends.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Evelyn Pobanz; his father, Clarence Otto Pobanz; and his brother, Keith Pobanz.

A private service already has been conducted. He will be laid to rest in Arlington National Cemetery.

A celebratory memorial of his life is planned in the future.

He requested, in lieu of flowers, that donations be made to Toys for Tots and March of Dimes, his favorite charities. He drank deeply from the cup of life and always shared the glass.