

Weiss, Arno

Arno W. Weiss, Sr., M.D., 89, of Thomas Township, passed away Wednesday, June 25, 2003. Arno was born Sept. 18, 1913 in Port Hope to Benjamin and Mary (Moeller) Weiss. He married Thelma Dibb on Aug. 2, 1941. She preceded him in death in 1992. He later married Jean Witherspoon on Dec. 21, 1993. She survives him. Dr. Weiss was a member of Peace Evangelical Lutheran Church and served as elder, and on the board of education there. He served his country as Captain in the U.S. Army Medical Corps during World War II in the European and Pacific Theaters, and the occupation of Japan for 33 months. Prior to his military service, he taught school four years before his pre-med at MSU, graduating in 1939. He was a 1943 graduate of Wayne State University College of Medicine. He served his residency in EENT at Harper Hospital and Children's Hospital, Detroit, completed in 1949. He established his practice in EENT in 1949 in Bad Axe, moving to Saginaw in 1953, where he practiced medicine for 50 years. Dr. Weiss devoted many hours working to help establish a College of Human Medicine at MSU, and was known as "The Father of the Medical School." He shared the philosophy of Dr. John Hannah, former President of MSU, as quoted "No man livith unto himself, for all of the past is invested in him." Dr. Weiss served in the following capacities; Chairman, MSU Alumni Association Development Fund Board, Member Development Fund Council, President, College of Human Medicine Alumni, MSU, Asst. Clinical Professor, Dept. of Surgery, College of Human Medicine, MSU, President, Huron County Medical Society, President, Saginaw Valley Academy of Ophthalmology and Otolaryngology, Chief of Staff, St. Luke's Hospital, Saginaw. Dr. Weiss was a member of The Saginaw County Medical Society, Michigan State Medical Society, American Medical Society, Saginaw Surgical Society, Fellow of the American College of Surgeons, Honorary Coach at MSU, President's Club at MSU, US Powers Squadron, Saginaw-Bay Chapter and many other medical organizations. He was a past member of the Saginaw County Club and The Germania Town and County Club. He enjoyed fishing, hunting, his cabin on the AuSable, music, as he was a talented organist, oil painting and MSU football and basketball, and he very much enjoyed working for both MSU and SVSU. Arno is survived by his wife, Jean; two sons, Arno W. Weiss Jr., M.D., and his wife, Jill; Dennis Weiss, both of Saginaw; daughter, Cheryl Sokoll and her husband, Dr. Randy, of Bowling Green, Ohio; five granddaughters; two grandsons. He was preceded in death by a son, Kim, in February 2003; and a sister, Helena, at age 9. The funeral service will take place at 11 a.m. Saturday, June 28, 2003, at Peace Lutheran Church, 3427 Adams Ave. Rev. Robert Eggers will officiate with entombment to follow at Oakwood Mausoleum. Visitation will be 1 to 4 and 6 to 9 p.m. today at the Reitz Herzberg Funeral Home on South Midland Rd. (M-47) and one hour before the funeral at the church. In lieu of flowers, the family wishes expressions of sympathy to be given as memorial offerings to Peace Lutheran Church Choir, or the futures fund for the new elementary school.