

Paul Petty, 88

TRYON, NC - Paul Beal Petty, 88, of Tryon, NC, died Feb. 12, 1998, at his home. Born in St. Joseph, MO, he was the son of the late Eli Fleet and Maude Beal Petty. He was a former resident of Harlan, and graduated from Iowa State University in 1933, where he was a member of Kappa Sigma. For much of his 38-year career in mechanical engineering, he worked for H.K. Ferguson (Morrison-Knudsen) in Cleveland, OH, retiring in 1974 as a vice-president/director. He was project engineer for the construction of manufacturing plants in the U.S., England, France, and Holland and earned a reputation as an "engineer's engineer".

He was married for 54 years to Elizabeth Wells Petty. In 1978, they retired to Carolina Drive in Tryon; upon Elizabeth's death in 1993, he moved to White Oak Village. There he met Elise "Sis" Fuller, who became his wife in October 1994.

Surviving in addition to his wife are two daughters, Anne Mark of Boston, MA and Martha Duffy of Cleveland, OH; one brother, Ralph Petty of Denver, CO; four grandchildren and one nephew.

Memorial services were held Feb. 15, 1998 in the Congregational Church of Christ, Tryon, NC, with Rev. Ronald Stegall officiating. McFarland Funeral Chapel, Tryon, in charge of arrangements.