



## Colin Cowgill

February 23, 1917 - April 26, 2009

### Colin Charles Cowgill

Colin Charles Cowgill, age 92, of Valparaiso, IN, passed away on Sunday, April 26, 2009. Colin was born in Ferguson, Iowa on February 23, 1917. He graduated from Nevada High School (Nevada, Iowa) in 1935, and received a B.S. degree from the University of Iowa in 1940. He retired as a supervisor for U.S. Steel Gary Works, where he worked for 42 years, from 1940 through 1982. He worked in a variety of positions related to metallurgy and research and development. He received a U.S. patent in 1965 for his work on an automated process for cooling of ingots utilizing infrared sensors. He lived in the Miller neighborhood of Gary for many years until relocating to Valparaiso in 1986. In his younger days he played clarinet and saxophone in dance bands while a high school and college student, including a summer stint at Yellowstone National Park.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Dr. Frank W. Cowgill, Stella Werts Cowgill and brother, Carroll D. Cowgill.

He will be missed by his loving family. He is survived by his wife, Madeline Scully Cowgill, daughters Carol Cowgill Kramer of Indianapolis, IN and Colette Cowgill(Jim) Eligator of Chicago, IL, son David (Gail) Cowgill of Munster, IN and grandchildren Paul Cowgill of Cambridge, MA and Eric Kramer of Indianapolis, IN.

Funeral service will be held on Saturday, May 2, 2009 at 12:00 p.m. at Burns Funeral Home, 10101 Broadway, Crown Point, IN. Friends may meet with the

family on Saturday at Burns from 11:00 a.m. till 12:00 p.m. (time of service).  
Rev. John Starr officiating. Interment at Calumet Park Cemetery in Merrillville,  
IN. The family requests that any charitable donations be directed to VNA  
Foundation of Porter County, Inc. (Home Health Services), 501 Marquette  
Street, Valparaiso, IN 46383  
[www.burnsfuneral.com](http://www.burnsfuneral.com)

# Tribute Wall



“ *What an interesting man your father and husband was. I know you loved him and will miss him. Know that I am thinking of you.##imported-begin##Sandy Bickel##imported-end##*

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“ *Mrs. Cowgill, I would like to extend my condolence in the loss of your husband. In the early 50's I worked in the research and development office at US Steel. I remember typing the reports that Colin wrote. I do remember working with him. I recognized his name right away. I had just graduated from high school. I worked in the office for 9 years. You are remembered in my prayers. Jean DavisF3V##imported-begin##Jean Davis##imported-end##*

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