



Leo Kline
February 22, 1929 to July 30, 2017

Leo was born on a farm in northern Ohio. He obtained a BA from Akron University and a PhD from Ohio State in 1950. He spent two years in the Army at Redstone Arsenal playing a role in the launching of the first US orbital satellite. Later he became a professor of engineering sciences at Purdue University. He left academia to work for International Business Machines (IBM) at Lexington, KY, Raleigh, North Carolina, Armonk, New York, Boulder, Colorado, and San Jose, California from where he retired after 23 years with IBM.

Leo has two children and two grandchildren. He and Merrelina Krauss had been together for 20 years and they lived in Los Gatos before moving to SRC in 2005. Merrelina died Feb. 23, 2014 at the Health Care Center.

Leo's hobbies have included flying, skiing, and windsurfing. He was also involved with growing the first red seedless grapes (King's Ruby) in the Central Valley. He and Merrelina also enjoyed traveling, particularly to the Caribbean and Tahiti. At SRC he still enjoys playing billiards, chess, and wood carving.

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