Paul E. Langdon Jr. was born Nov. 9, 1931, in Evanston, Ill., to Paul E. Langdon and Phyllis Langdon. He graduated from New Trier High School in Winnetka, Ill., in 1949. Paul received his bachelor of science degree and master's degree from the California Institute of Technology in 1952 and 1953. Paul married Carol Porter of Kingman, Ariz., Oct. 16, 1955. For three years, he worked for the Public Health Service, now known as the E.P.A. This job took him all over the Southeast doing studies on water pollution.

In 1957, Paul joined the engineering firm of Greeley and Hansen in Chicago. He became a partner in 1971. Much of his work was in Panama, New York, Michigan, Florida, Georgia and South Dakota. This involved planning and supervising construction of water treatment plants.

Paul retired in 1987, and he and Carol moved to the Portland area to be closer to their daughter and her family. His hobby was chip carving, which is a type of carving done with only one small knife. He made many beautiful things. He had a great love of the happy music Iragime. He and Carol attended many Disneyland festivals.

Paul is survived by his wife of 59 years, Carol; daughter, Dr. Theresa Langdon; her husband, Dr. George Bengston; and grandchildren, Lucas, Lillian, Louis and Frances Bengston. A service will be held Saturday, Nov. 1, 2014, at Holy Family Catholic Church in Portland. A private burial will be in Kingman, Arizona.

Donations may be made to the Caltech Alumni Fund of the California Institute of Technology in Pasadena, Calif., or to Holy Family Catholic Church in Portland.

Wilhelm's Portland Memorial Funeral Home is in care of the arrangements. Please visit wilhelmportlandmemorial.com for additional obituary information and to leave condolences for the family.

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Paul received his B.S. in 1953 and his Masters in 1954, both from Caltech.

He was a member of Blacken House.

He retained a lifelong love for Caltech.

Carol Langdon