Artur Mager (1919 - 2016)

September 21, 1919 - November 22, 2016 Dr. Artur Mager has passed away peacefully of natural causes at age 97 at the Jewish Home for the Aging in Reseda among family and caregivers. A native of Niegłowice, Poland, Dr. Mager relocated to Israel with his family and then to the United States in the years before World War II. He earned his B.S. in Aeronautical Engineering from the University of Michigan in 1943, his M.S. from Case Institute of Technology in 1951 and his Ph.D. (magna cum laude) in Aeronautics and Physics from Caltech in 1953. He became a naturalized citizen of the United States November 21, 1944 and served in the U.S. Army (Field Artillery and Counterintelligence), 1944-46. Dr. Mager spent his professional career in the aerospace field starting as a research scientist. From 1961-81 he was employed by The Aerospace Corporation, rising to become their Group Vice President of Engineering and a member of their Executive Council. Following his retirement he continued to consult with the U.S. Department of Defense, NASA, the Los Alamos National Laboratory and the National Research Council (NRC). He served on NASA's Space Applications Advisory Committee, the NRC's Space Station Task Force, the Defense Sc. Board Task Force on Reconnaissance Regimes, among others. He was the author or co-author of numerous articles and book chapters on a variety of topics in the aerospace field. Dr. Mager was a member of the National Academy of Engineering, a Fellow and past President of the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics, a Fellow of the Institute for the Advancement of Engineering and a Fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science. He was named a Distinguished Alumni of the University of Michigan (1969), named a Jimmy Doolittle Fellow of the Air Force Association (1985), and Caltech established the annual Artur Mager Prize in 1986. Dr. Mager, along with his late wife Phyllis, to whom he was married for 71 years, also contributed actively and significantly to the causes closest to their hearts, most notably to the Exceptional Children's Foundation and the California Association for the Retarded. Beyond their philanthropy, each served as a Trustee and terms as President of ECF; and served on the Board of Directors of ARC. He was a Chairperson of the Developmental Disabilities Board of Los Angeles County, and also served on the Board of Trustees of West Coast University. The California Association for the Retarded twice recognized Dr. Mager with the Golden Rule Award (1977 and 1989). Dr. Mager is survived by his daughter Ilana, who has been severely disabled from birth. Dr. Mager, along his wife, were devoted to love and care for their only daughter, who also inspired her parents' commitment to service. In later years, during Phyllis' long illness, Dr. Mager was always lovingly at her side. He is also survived by nieces and nephews: Michelle and Les (spouse) Sinford, Jeanne Shanin (and Rabbi Carla Freedman), Sandy Shanin and Bill (spouse) Lasarow, Larry Weisman, Sharaon and Peter (spouse) Breger, and Laurie Shanin (and Tim Ryan); and by great-nieces and nephew, David and Hillary (spouse) Breger, Jennifer Breger and Eliana Lasarow. Memorial service is to be conducted on Sunday, November 27, 11:30am at Mount Sinai Memorial Parks and Mortuaries, 5950 Forest Lawn Dr., Los Angeles 90068. Donations made in Dr. Mager's name may be directed to the Exceptional Children's Foundation, 5350 Machado Rd., Culver City, CA 90230, or online at https://www.ecf.net/donate/

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