



Robert Earl Gardner

June 29, 1919 - April 21, 2017

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Age 97, of Pittsburgh, born in Indianapolis, IN, died on April 21, 2017. Survived by his wife of 73 years, Sylvia of Pittsburgh; two children, Lorraine Gardner (Peter Hogan) of Arlington, VA, and Marie Gardner of Washington, DC; two grandchildren, Gregory Hogan of Statesboro, GA, and Christina Hogan of Arlington, VA. Brother of the late Cecil and Maxine Gardner. A veteran of WWII, he sailed with the US Navy on the U.S.S. Mizar, and then on a submarine in the Pacific. Following the war he earned a Master's of Fine Arts from the Cranbrook Academy of Art, and taught at the University of Oklahoma. He was fired from that position in 1951 for his refusal to sign McCarthy's loyalty oath; he said he had proved his loyalty by fighting for his country in WWII and did not need to sign a piece of paper. Carnegie-Mellon (then Carnegie Tech) hired him, no loyalty oath required, where he worked as Professor of Lithography for 31 years before retiring in 1984. He will be inurned at Arlington National Cemetery at a later date. Arrangements trusted to D'Alessandro Funeral Home and Crematory Ltd., Lawrenceville. www.dalesandroltd.com

Tribute Wall



“ *Robert Earl Gardner*

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“ *He was one of my mother's art professors at Carnegie. I have a portrait he painted of her entitled "Portrait of Joanne." I also have some metal work that bears his stamp.
So sorry for his family's loss.*

*Sincerely-
Jenny Heron*

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