

Roland O. Gumprecht, 88 of Indianapolis, IN passed away Friday October 26. Roland was born May 31, 1919 in Helena, MT to the late Frank O. and Mary Florence DeBree Gumprecht. He graduated from Montana State College in Chemical Engineering. While attending Montana State College, he met his future wife Dare, and they married just before he was shipped overseas for three years. He served as a chemical warfare officer in the Army Air Corp during WWII and was stationed in Africa and Italy. After returning from war, he attended graduate school at the University of Michigan where he earned his Masters and PhD. degrees in Chemical Engineering. He and Dare moved to Richland, Washington where they raised their three lively daughters and worked on several classified projects for the Department of Energy as a nuclear physicist. Later, Roland took a job transfer and worked for the Sargent and Lundy Engineering firm in Chicago, Illinois. Roland was a terrific dancer, and Dare often said she married him because he could dance. He and Dare were founding members of the Prairie Shufflers Dancers in Richland. He also was the family champion bowler and badminton player! He was also not too bad at playing Canasta. The first time he rode in an airplane, he flew the plane. Roland loved a good joke, and was always a practical joker. Roland and Dare were married 61 years before her passing in 2004. Roland is survived by his daughters, Linda D. (Doug) Head, Virginia Gumprecht and Nancy K. (Stuart) Yeager; 17 grandchildren; 14 great grandchildren; brother, Donald M. Gumprecht; uncle, Jean DeBree

Funeral services will be Sunday, October 28 at 6:00 pm in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, (10710 Shelborne Rd. Carmel, IN 46032) Zionsville Ward, of which he was a member and High Priest. Friends may call one hour prior to the service. Burial will be Friday, November 2 at 2:00 pm in Sunset Hills Cemetery, Bozeman, MT. Arrangements are entrusted to Flanner & Buchanan Funeral Center-Carmel & Dokken-Nelson Funeral Service.