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Suechting, Dr. Ralph Ludwig

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Dr. Ralph Ludwig Suechting, 83, late of Ft. Myers, FL, passed away October 31, 2008. He was born February 5, 1925, in New York City, where he grew up speaking German with his parents. As an aspiring physician, he attended Brooklyn College, Amherst College, and Columbia University Medical School, before completing his neurosurgery residency at the University of Minnesota Medical School. He was a veteran of the Second World War, during which he served in the 82nd Airborne Division; Dr. Suechting fought in the Battle of the Bulge, where he was injured, and eventually received a Purple Heart and a Bronze Star for his service. After the war, Ralph married his wife Dorothy Porter, with whom he celebrated his sixtieth anniversary this year. A longtime resident of Neenah, Ralph started a neurosurgery practice soon after he moved to the Fox Valley.

He is survived by his wife, Dorothy; his five children: Ralph (Susan) Suechting, Steve (Candace) Suechting, Holly (Gary) Hendrickson, Dorrie (John) Bitzer, and Martin (Virginia) Suechting; his twelve grandchildren and his great-grandchild.

The family requests memorial donations be sent to the Salvation Army.



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A funeral was held at the Sanibel Congregational United Church of Christ, in Sanibel Island, Florida, on Tuesday, November 4th.

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