



OBITUARY

Erhard ("Hardy") F. Hoegger, 96 years old, died on May 24, 2021. He was born on July 3, 1924 in Baden, Switzerland to his parents, Erhard A. Hoegger of Basel and Emmy Hoegger-Streuli of Horgen and attended public schools in Baden, Horgen and Basel, Switzerland. He did active service in the Swiss Army in World War II. He received his Ph.D. (magna cum laude) in chemistry from the University of Basel. During three years of postdoctoral fellowships at universities in Basel and Boulder, CO he did basic research and secured several job offers. In 1956 he married his wife Martha ("Rusty") in Miami FL, and they moved to Geneva where he worked for Givaudan, a perfume and flavoring company. The temptation to go back to the U.S. was too strong to resist several job offers that were held open for him. In 1957 he signed up to work for DuPont's "Film Department" at the Experimental Station, where he did research on modification of cellophane, syntheses of polyesters, polyimides and polyketones; and finally on composites to improve polymer films, and on their analysis, specifically by chromatography. He earned 15 U.S. and many more foreign patents. After taking early retirement from DuPont in 1985, he and some of his colleagues founded the CECON Group, a scientific & engineering consultant network, which merged with Becht Engineering in 2015.

Since his early youth he was cast into a variety of religions, languages and customs, and became used to being excluded, but instead of suffering he explored and learned to enjoy the variety of human nature and experience (helped by playing dozens of youth roles at the Basel Stadttheater), and forever hence seeking unity in diversity. His family found a compatible environment in Arden where he was active in many committees and served on the Arden and the Mount Pleasant School Boards. He has enjoyed hiking and skiing, but his main energy was shed on practicing and teaching yoga and meditation for over 30 years and was until recently, involved as an instructor at the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at the University of Delaware.

He is predeceased by his parents and survived by his sister Esther Gutherz of Muttenz (Switzerland) and her family, his wife Martha B. Hoegger and daughter Heidi E. Hoegger of Arden (DE).

Instead of flowers contributions are suggested to OSHER Lifelong Learning Institute at the Univ. of Delaware, Wilmington.