

ST. GEORGE - Otto John Riss, 93, of St. George, UT., passed away at Kolob Care and Rehabilitation, in St. George, on Monday, January 26, 2009, with his loving wife, Fran, by his side.

He was born in Austria on November 17, 1915, the son of Mieczeslaw and Clotilde (Semrad) Riss. He emigrated to America, via Ellis Island, at age seven. He graduated from General Motors Institute, with an Engineering degree. He spent most of his career in executive management working for the following companies: General Motors, Cleveland Graphite Bronze, Bendix in IN., Packard Bell in CA., American Optical in MA., McGraw-Edison in NJ. He was part owner of Armtec Industries Inc, in Manchester, NH. He was president and CEO of General Connector in CA. He also worked for several years in Milan, Italy and Athens, Greece.

He and his wife, Fran traveled extensively through out the world. He was an avid golfer and was known as a gourmet cook. He frequently shared his special cookies with friends and family. Also worth noting, his faithful cat, Tommy, delighted him for many years.

Otto is survived by his wife Frances G. Riss of St. George; daughter, Susan (David) Payant of Marquette, MI; sons, Garret Riss of South Bend, IN., Allen (Sheryle) Riss of Rochester, NH; step-son, John Bell of Lancaster, CA; granddaughters, Gwen (Tom) Anderson of Morgantown, WV., and Sarah Riss of Rochester, NH; grandsons, Michael Gach of Marquette, MI., and Timmothy Riss of Rochester, NH; step-granddaughters, Devon Bell of Los Angeles, CA., and Amy Bell of Lancaster, CA; great grandchildren, Michael Anderson and Emily Anderson.

A celebration of Otto's life will take place later in the Spring. Family and friends will be notified. Arrangements are under the direction of Metcalf Mortuary 435-673-4221. See Metcalf's website at www.metcalfmortuary.com for condolences and full obituary and funeral listings.