

Obituary : Paul Colsmann

BREA News recently learned that Paul Colsmann, who joined the Lab on March 15, 1948, and retired from the Reactor Division 36 years later, on May 31, 1984, died on May 30, 2013.

BREA member John Penney notified BREA News of the death of his former colleague and friend, then contacted Paul Colsmann's family to obtain the obituary that follows.

John recalled, "Paul's group had the responsibility for the accounting for all the Special Nuclear Material on site. That also meant staying in constant contact with both the local DOE office, as well as the Chicago office. We had good working relations with both.

"If my memory serves me," John continued, "I seem to remember that he had Graduated MIT at 21 years of age! He was a great person to work with, and we had many interesting trips together."

Paul Colsmann had been living in Morgantown, Pennsylvania, and the following obituary ran in the local newspaper, *The Dominion Post*, on June 2, 2013.

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Paul Colsmann, 90, of Morgantown, formerly of New York and New Hampshire, passed away Thursday, May 30, at Ruby Memorial Hospital.

Paul was born in Patterson, New Jersey, on Oct. 7, 1922, the son of the late Ernst & Ruth Colsmann.

Paul attended Exeter Academy, and went on to get a degree in nuclear engineering from MIT. He became an industry leader in his field, having made a significant contribution to

the Manhattan Project, [and later contributing to] ...nuclear operations at the Brookhaven National Laboratory in Long Island, NY, for 36 years. He also had a life-long love of boating and fishing, having many boats and teaching his children to fish. Later in life, he even went on to build large ponds on his property to pursue this joy. He was always active in local politics, having served on the zoning board in Acworth, New Hampshire. Staying true to his engineering background, he came to enjoy his land and property development later in life. Paul was also a Master Mason, and active member of Masonic Lodge 493, Patchogue, NY, for more than fifty years. He was a loving husband, father, grandfather and friend who will be sadly missed by all who knew him.

He is survived by his son Ernst Colsmann and wife Donna of Morgantown; his daughter-in-law Veda Colsmann; grandchildren Mackenzie, Mallory, Lauren and Lee Colsmann, and great-grandchildren Gage Vengeler and Oliviai Pell.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife Mary Harris Colsmann; son Lee Colsmann; and his two sisters.