



## Harvey J, Stapleton

December 22, 1934 - May 30, 2017

Harvey J. Stapleton, a resident of Longboat Key, Florida, and formerly Champaign, IL passed away in his sleep on Tuesday, May 30, 2017. He was 82.

He was born in Kalamazoo, Michigan, the son of Herbert and Viola (Early) Stapleton. He married Joan E. (Sylvander) Stapleton June 22, 1957 who survives.

Harvey graduated from the University of Michigan and attended the University of California, Berkeley where he received his PhD. He then joined the faculty of the University of Illinois in 1961 as an Assistant Professor of Physics. During his tenure, he led 25 graduate students to their PhD degrees and authored or co-authored over 50 papers.

At the end of his academic career he became Associate Dean of the Graduate College, retiring in 1995. In retirement he enjoyed boating, fishing, and his membership in the Longboat Physics Club.

He leaves behind his children, Patricia Janssen (Donald), Susan Kay, Jeffrey Stapleton (Laura) and four much loved grandchildren, David and Rebecca Janssen, and Aaron and Angela Kay.

A memorial mass will be held on Monday, June 5, 2017 at 10:30 AM at St.

Mary Star of the Sea Church on Longboat Key.

In lieu of flowers donation to Tidewell Hospice, 5955 Rand Boulevard,  
Sarasota, Florida would be much appreciated.