



# Lewis Urry



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**L**ewis F. Urry, age 77, of Eaton Township died Tuesday October 19, 2004 at Southwest General Hospital in Middleburg Heights following a short illness. He was born in Pontypool, Ontario. He had resided in Eaton Township since 1992 moving from Columbia Station where he had lived 17 years.

Mr. Urry served as a Captain in the Canadian Army.

He received his bachelors degree from the University of Toronto in Chemical Engineering.

Mr. Urry was a chemical engineer for Energizer for 54 years retiring May 28th of this year.

He holds over 60 US patents in addition to numerous international patents, one of his most significant being for the first commercial alkaline battery. On August 25, 1999 he was inducted into the Smithsonian Institute for the Alkaline Battery.

Besides his passion for his work, he enjoyed vegetable gardening and spending time with his family and his pets.

He is survived by his two daughters, Mrs. Brad (Laurie) McCrillis of Olmsted Township, Kathleen Urry of Eaton Township, three sons, Gerald Urry of North Ridgeville, Michael (Renee) Urry of Avon Lake and Steven (Deanne) Urry of Olmsted Township, 15 grandchildren and 1 great grandson, two brothers, Russell Urry and Gerald Urry both of Toronto and one sister, Rowna Wilson of Saskatchewan, Canada. He is preceded in death by his wife, Beverly Ann (nee Carlock), his twin sister, Lois DuTrizac, his father, Omon Urry and his mother, Ada Baum.

The family will receive friends Saturday from 12 noon until time of services at 1:00 PM in the David Bogner Family Funeral Home 36625 Center Ridge Road North Ridgeville. Reverend Bill Shomo will officiate. Private burial will take place in Butternut Ridge Cemetery, Eaton Township.



## Tribute Wall

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MC

**Mason Cox** posted:

As a coworker and Patent Agent at the Union Carbide Parma Research Laboratory for about ten years many years ago while Lew was changing the Battery world forever, I was startled and greatly saddened to read of his passing in the local St. Petersburg, Florida newspaper. He was a Great fellow in the technical staff and will be greatly missed by the world as well as his friends and family. Mason Cox

October 30 at 8:00 PM

EZ

**Ellen Zmithrovitch** posted:

I started work for Union Carbide in 1982 and was impressed by the caliber of work that I understood Lew to do. Later as I moved to Asheboro, NC and worked on the alkaline battery, we faced some tough challenges over the years. At times I would call Lew and ask for his insight or invite him to meetings to get his perspective there. I was amazed that he was always willing to give his time and experience to me regardless of what other things he was working on. I have the utmost respect for him and send my condolences to his family on his passing.

October 24 at 8:00 PM

JM

**Jan L. Mcpherson** posted:

I never met your father, but I wish to express my sorrow for his passing. Because of his hard work and invention of the alkaline battery, thousands, including myself, have had an opportunity to provide for their families. May GOD bless you and touch you in HIS special way.

October 24 at 8:00 PM

AB

**Alex Bayro** posted:

I never had the honor of meeting Lewis but I am more than proud of his accomplishments. I will pray for him, for you and your family. Please accept my sincere condolences during this time.

October 24 at 8:00 PM



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EM

**Edna Mathews** posted:

I was stunned to read an email from a fellow worker in Cleveland yesterday telling of your father's passing. I have known your Dad since he joined Canadian National Carbon Company, in Toronto, in 1950, right out of university. We served on the Recreation Club there for a couple of years, then your Dad was transferred to Cleveland, in 1954. My husband (since deceased) and I moved to Cleveland in 1955 and I, too, worked at the Research Lab. Your Dad came to dinner on many occasions since we Canucks always stuck together. I had been in touch with your Dad a couple of years ago because a man (since deceased) who went to my church graduated from University with him; he also used to go to this man's home for dinner in Toronto (small world). I was driving this morning and heard the announcement on our local Toronto (I moved back 'home' in 1989) AM station that your Dad, who invented the Energizer Bunny Battery, had died. Please accept my Sincere Sympathies at this time of parting; certainly your Dad left a GREAT BIG MARK on this world. I feel privileged to have known him.

October 20 at 8:00 PM

KS

**Karen Streator Smith** posted:

Jerry, Laurie and family I am sorry to read of your loss. I have such wonderful memories of your family during those high school years. Please accept my condolences in this time of sorrow. With deepest sympathy, Karen Streator Smith.

October 20 at 8:00 PM

GB

**Glenn Bernasek** posted:

Lew Urry was already a 'living legend' when I hired on at the Union Carbide, Parma Technical Center in 1966. Lew became a good friend and mentor. The privilege of knowing greatness comes so seldom in one's life time. This privilege and our friendship that will always be remembered and treasured. My condolences and prayers are with Lew's family. Sincerely, Glenn Bernasek

October 19 at 8:00 PM

LK

**Linda Kinde** posted:

Jerry, Steven and Kathy, I have very fond memories of all of you and your family. You are in my thoughts and prayers right now. Please accept my sincere sympathy. Love, Mrs. Kinde, your first grade teacher

October 19 at 8:00 PM



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WB

**Wayne Bennett** posted:

The 3434th Army Reserve unit (past, present and civilian members/associates) wish to express our deepest sympathies to the family, our prayers are with you.

October 19 at 8:00 PM

DB

**David Blattenberger** posted:

I worked at Union Carbide/Eveready for 7+ years in the late 70's and early '80s and knew Lew during those years. He was a mentor for many of the up-and-coming Chemical Engineers like myself. He will be missed, but never forgotten. My condolences to family and friends. Sincerely, David Blattenberger

October 19 at 8:00 PM

SD

**Shelley Dolin** posted:

Dear Kathy and family:I am so sorry to hear about your father. Please accept my sincere sympathy. I am sure you and your kids will miss him terribly.Sincerely,Shelley Dolin (David Lepka's cousin)

October 19 at 8:00 PM

AU

**Ada Urry** posted:

My deepest regards and deepest sympathy to all.Uncle Lew will be remembered not only through what he created for society in his profession but also for incorporating a little of him in his children.And in this aspect (Uncle Lew )your father will always be alive in your hearts and his memories will never elapse.Uncle Lew,will be missed by many.My condolences and I send my love.Your cousin Ada Urry

October 18 at 8:00 PM



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