

DR. RICHARD K. PITLER



Dr. Richard K. Pitler of Amelia Island, FL, passed away on May 18, 2023, at age 95. He is survived by his wife of 72 years, Jeanne I. Pitler; two children, Steven (Michele Bergeron) Pitler and Andrew Pitler; daughter-in-law, Patricia Pitler; four grandchildren: Emily Pitler, Lauren Kansupada, Will Pitler, and Chris Pitler; and three great-grandchildren, Luke and Claire Guha, and Olivia Kansupada. Dr. Pitler was preceded in death by his

parents, Morris and Freda Pitler; son, David; and brother, Harry.

Dr. Pitler was born and raised in Merrick, NY, on the south shore of Long Island where he met his wife Jeanne in high school. They both enjoyed summers working at Jones Beach where he was a lifeguard. He also served as a 1st Lieutenant in the U.S. Army. Dr. Pitler is a graduate of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, and while attending was a captain and school record holder in swimming. He later earned graduate degrees from the Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute. He joined the Allegheny Ludlum Corporation in 1949 as a metallurgist and retired in 1986, serving in various leadership positions including Senior Vice President, Technical Director, and a member of the Board of Directors. Dr. Pitler had numerous patents was active in several professional societies including President, ASM International in 1989, and is the author of various technical studies on titanium, valve steels, and high-temperature metals.

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