



**V. Stuart Foote Jr.**

**12/13/1924 - 1/23/2011**

Stuart was born in Grand Rapids, Michigan to parents, Alice Beckham and Vernon Stuart Foote. He is survived by his wife of 57 years, Mary Louise. A retired member of the senior research staff of Princeton University at the Princeton Plasma Physics Laboratory, he was a noted mechanical engineer whose specialty was optical diagnostics. He served in the Army Air Forces from 1943-1945. A graduate of George Washington University in Washington, D.C. he went on to be a pioneer in the field of nuclear fusion and was awarded a number of patents. He participated in landmark research including the atomic clock experiments, which supported Einstein's theory of general relativity. An engineer's engineer, he could craft a solution to any problem. He was a member of St. Philip's in the Hills Episcopal Church and the Sons of the American Revolution. He was a former member of the Tucson Downtown Lion's Club, La Paloma Country Club, Belle Haven Country Club in Alexandria, VA and Corinthian Yacht Club in Marblehead, MA. He is also survived by daughter, Elisabeth Foote Chrien (Robert) of Los Alamos, NM; son, V. Stuart Foote III (Julie) of San Antonio, TX and daughter, Kimberly Reed Foote of Tucson, and grandchildren, Nathan Foote, Jennifer Chrien (Steven Simpson), Matthew Foote and Natalie Chrien. A Memorial Service will be held Friday, February 18, 2011 at 2:00 p.m. at St. Philip's in the Hills Episcopal Church with reception to follow. In lieu of flowers the family request donations to either the Phixers at St. Philip's in the Hills <http://www.stphilipstucson.org> or Lutheran World Relief <http://lwr.org>. Arrangements handled by **SCIENCE CARE**.

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