

A. Reid Arnold

Engineer At O-I Noted As Authority On Plastics

A. Reid Arnold, 61, of 6723 Embassy Ct., Maumee, a retired mechanical engineer at Owens-Illinois, Inc., died Thursday in St. Luke's Hospital after a long illness.

Mr. Arnold, a mechanical engineer at O-I for 16 years, developed and supervised the hi-cone division of the firm. Hi-cones are the plastic carriers that attach to the top of beer and pop cans.

Prior to becoming associated with O-I, he had been a plastics engineer at Fabri-Kal Corp., Kalamazoo, Mich.; Cadillac Plastics, Detroit, Mich., and Sweetheart Plastics, Cambridge, Mass. He retired in 1979.

A native of Lansing, Mich., and a graduate of Western Michigan University, Mr. Arnold was an internationally recognized authority on the production of plastic sheets and the design of plastic items. He held numerous patents on plastic articles he designed and developed.

After receiving a degree in engineering at Western Michigan, Mr. Arnold did graduate work at the University of Michigan and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. At Western Michigan, he was a charter member and former president of the Flying Broncos Association and president of the International Collegiate Flying Association.

A navy pilot in World War II, he was a former treasurer of the Michigan State Veteran's Association. Mr. Arnold also was a member of the Society of Plastic Engineers, Toledo Club, Kiwanis Club, Brandywine Country Club, and St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Maumee.

Surviving are his wife, Marguerite.

Services will be at 2:30 p.m. Saturday in the Coyle Mortuary, South Reynolds Road.

The family requests that any tributes be in the form of contributions to the church endowment fund, or the Toledo Animal Shelter Association.