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November 23, 1993

306th Echoes
5323 Cheval Place
Charlotte, N.C. 28205

Attention: Russell Strong, Secretary

My husband, Earl P. Shapland, died on December 5, 1991 at our vacation home in the Smoky Mountains near Gatlinburg, Tennessee. He suffered for many years with heart problems and lung cancer and died of congestive heart failure.

He was very proud to have been a navigator in the 306th Bomb Group in England during WWII flying with Art Resser and his "boys". The reunions were great fun for him. There is a restaurant in Sarasota, Florida (our former home) called the 306th Bomb Group that has lots of memorabilia hanging on the walls and from the ceiling. Earl contributed to the collection with a jacket and some photos. We took Art and his wife there for dinner when they were visiting from Arizona.

I apologize for taking so long to inform you of his death. It has been a very busy time for me.

Sincerely,

Harriett A. Shapland

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(Mrs. Earl P. Shapland)

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Earl Shapland, founder of Flo-Con, dies

Earl Shapland, the founder of Flo-Con Systems Inc. of Champaign, died Thursday (Dec. 5, 1991) in Tennessee. He was 67.

Mr. Shapland of 2310 Briarhill Drive, C, died at 5 p.m. Thursday at his second home in Gatlinburg.

Private services are planned.

Mr. Shapland was born May 20, 1924, at Pontiac, the son of Lois E. Ross Shapland and Earl P. Shapland. He married Harriett Locke in December 1978 at Champaign. She survives.

Mr. Shapland went to Champaign High School and the University of Illinois, where he graduated with a degree in mechanical engineering and was named to Phi Beta Kappa and the Bronze Tablet. He was a

member of the Phi Gamma Delta social fraternity.

Mr. Shapland also served with the 8th Air Force in Europe during World War II and was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross.

In 1952, Mr. Shapland founded Henderson Manufacturing of Decatur, then Flo-Con in 1970. Flo-Con was an outgrowth of a valve patented by Mr. Shapland's brother, James Shapland, and further developed by Earl Shapland.

Mr. Shapland contracted with U.S. Steel in the 1960s to make a commercially viable valve that could be used by the steel industry to control the flow of molten metal in the steelmaking process.

Since the founding of Flo-Con, the company at 1404 Newton Drive in Interstate Research Park has grown in size and influence.

As of 1989, a News-Gazette story said Flo-Con was making about 60 percent of the valves used by steelmakers in the Western Hemisphere.

In addition to a machine shop in Champaign, Flo-Con maintains metal stamping and assembly operations in Fisher, and assembly plants in Forest, Miss.; Grove City, Pa.; Tillsonburg, Ontario; Monterrey, Mexico; Puerto Ordaz, Venezuela; and Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

Mr. Shapland served as Flo-Con's president until 1973 when he retired due to health consid-

erations and founded a consulting engineering firm, Mechanical Products Development Co.

He held numerous patents relating to his work.

Mr. Shapland is survived by his wife; one son, Stephen P. Shapland of Denver, Colo.; three daughters, Joann Shapland of Portland, Ore., Elizabeth Shapland-Box of Fairbanks, Alaska, and Patricia Carrington of Evanston; three brothers, Robert R. Shapland, James T. Shapland and George T. Shapland, all of Champaign; and four grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a brother.

Memorials may be made to the Cardiology Development Fund at Carle Foundation Hospital.

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Bill, Thanks for the prompt
action on the directory!

We are looking for a good
evening at the 306th Restaurant

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P.S. Put this in the kitty to
keep the 'Echoes' coming

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