

William F. Hahn, emeritus professor, dies at 64

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Dr. William Frank Hahn, emeritus professor and chairman of the mechanical engineering department in the School of Engineering at Alfred University, died Monday, June 6, 2005, at his home in Valparaiso, IN, of an apparent heart attack. He was 64. He was born Nov. 16, 1940, in Holyoke, Mass., the son of Frank and Phyllis Smith Hahn. He received a B.S. from Valparaiso University in 1962, and an M.S. and Ph.D. from the University of Illinois in 1964 and 1969. Prior to joining the AU faculty, he had taught at Gannon University in Erie, PA, and had also worked for Corning Glass Works in Corning, N.Y. and Booz, Allen and Hamilton in Cleveland, Ohio. Dr. Hahn had been a professor at Valparaiso University since retiring from AU in 2003. He was a member of the Christ Lutheran Church in Valparaiso, Society of Manufacturing Engineers, American Society of Engineering Educators and American Society of Mechanical Engineers. On Aug. 4, 1962, in Marysville, Ohio, he married Marilyn Kleiber who survives along with their three children, Karla Hahn (Saul Streib) of Silver Springs, Md., Douglas (Mari) Hahn of Santa Fe, N.M., and Gregory (Paula) Hahn of Arkadelphia, Ariz.; his mother, Phyllis Hahn of Westfield, Mass.; a sister, Christine (Stephen) Bahista of Southampton, Mass.; a brother, Philip (Laurel) Hahn of Valparaiso; four grandchildren, Shannon and Kyle Hahn, Cassandra and Miranda Hahn; and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his father, Frank in 1994. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday at Christ Lutheran Church in Valparaiso, with the Rev. Jerry Castleman officiating with cremation following at Angelcrest Crematory. Visitation is from 4 to 8 p.m. Friday at the Moeller Funeral Home, 104 Roosevelt Road, Valparaiso. The family has requested that donations in Dr. Hahn's memory be made to Valparaiso University Engineering Department.