



William C. Okulicz, 64, of Shrewsbury, died Saturday, June 4, 2011, at home, after a short illness.

He leaves his wife of 12 years, Frances (Lamoureux) Okulicz; three children, Adrienne Latorre of Worcester, Anthony Latorre and his wife Christy of Holden, and Alex Graf and his wife Lindsay of Worcester; two granddaughters, Brittany and Lucia Latorre of Holden, and a granddog, Maggie.

Bill was born in New Britain, Conn., son of William S. and Veronica (Wasielewski) Okulicz. He graduated in 1964 from St. Thomas High School in New Britain and received his B.S. degree in 1968 from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in Troy, N.Y. He earned a Master of Public Health Degree from Yale University in New Haven in 1971. He was awarded a Ph.D. in Pharmacology by the University of Conn. at Storrs in 1980. He completed fellowship programs at Syracuse University and the Worcester Foundation for Experimental Biology in Shrewsbury, where he was also a senior research associate from 1980 through 1987.

After the Foundation was merged with the UMass Medical School, Dr. Okulicz became an Assistant Professor and later an Associate Professor at the school, where he also led research projects for the benefit of the Physiology and Obstetrics-Gynecology Depts. He retired last year.

He was named the Outstanding Reviewer for the Year 2009 by the Steroids Journal. He was a board member for the National Endocrinology Publication Society and the National Reproductive Endocrinology Study Section Division of Research Grants.

Bill was also an accomplished golfer, at a time carrying a 4 handicap. He was a captain of the Yale golf team and once shot a 63 on the Yale Golf Course. He has been the President of the UMass Medical Center Golf Assn. for 20 years. He was a member of the Auburn Elks. He enjoyed vacation travel around the world.

The calling hours are Tuesday, June 7 from 4 to 6 p.m. at the Athy Memorial Home, 111 Lancaster St., Worcester. A service to remember Bill will follow the calling hours in the funeral home. Burial will be private.