



James Miles Golden Sr.

January 1, 2000 - February 15, 2011

James (Jim) Golden passed away on February 15, 2011 in Turlock, Ca. He was 96 years old. Born and raised in Pittsburgh, Pa., he graduated with a degree in aeronautical engineering from Carnegie Mellon University's Institute of Technology. His professional career began during World War II when he worked for the Chance Vought Corporation as part of a team who designed the Vought V-173 Flying Pancake, a predecessor to the helicopter. From aeronautics he moved into metallurgy where he was hired by Titan Metal, a company based in Bellefonte, Pa., that manufactured brass. In 1957 he moved his family to the California Bay Area where he built and managed a new Titan plant, established for the melting, casting and extrusion of brass. Aeronautics and metal work, however, were merely leaping-off points to the culmination of his manufacturing career -- as a candy-maker. In 1964 he was hired by the Hershey Chocolate Corporation to build and manage their Oakdale, Ca, plant. While in Oakdale he served as an active member of the California Almond Growers Exchange. During his tenure with Hershey he held multiple senior management roles both in Oakdale and finally in Hershey, Pa. Upon retirement he and his wife Marion returned to Oakdale where he enjoyed working the land, raising fruits and vegetables on his gentleman's farm. Mr. Golden is remembered by friends and family as a man of great integrity with a dry sense of humor and dignified manner who never abandoned his love of a good book or a good piece of chocolate. He is survived by Marion, his wife of 65 years, who resides in Turlock, California, his

three children Jim, Susan and Bill, three grandsons and one great-grandson.

Tribute Wall



“ *James Miles Golden Sr.*

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“ *So sorry to hear of Jim's death. I was worried about you guys, so I googled and came up with this sad information. I hadn't realized that Jim had done so many interesting things, so I copied this information and emailed to Alex and Drew.*

Mary Golden - March 11, 2011 at 12:00 AM