



Quality Assurance for Deep Foundations

We recently received the following message from Pileco, Houston, TX.

Otto Kammerer-1931 – 2009



It is with deep sadness that Pileco announces the passing of its founder and Chairman of the Board Otto Kammerer. Otto passed away at his home last Thursday, March 26, 2009.

A memorial service is being planned for May 6, 2009 at 10am at:

St. Michael's Catholic Church
1801 Sage Road, Houston, Texas 77056
Telephone: 713/621-4370

The Pileco family and friends will miss Otto very much. He was passionate about Boys & Girls Country, A Home For Children. This was his favorite charity. Donations may be made in his name for those choosing to do so online at www.boysandgirlscountry.org or by mail to:

Boys & Girls Country
18806 Roberts Road
Hockley, TX 77447
281/351-4976

We wish to express our sincere thanks to those who have reached out to send their condolences.

What a loss for us all. Otto was a true friend of all of us at Pile Dynamics and GRL Engineers. For 35 years we had been working together, trying to improve pile driving technology. Otto proposed and sponsored the development of the Saximeter and made an honest effort to get the industry to adopt reasonable hammer testing standards. He also supported research which helped in the development of the diesel hammer model of the GRLWEAP wave equation program. At the same time Otto made our business really fun: he had a great humor and told an inexhaustible supply of hilarious pile driving stories. But his greatest accomplishment was his ability to build up a flourishing business while treating everyone around him with gentle fairness and concern for their well being. It is for that reason that we will always remember Otto as a great human being.