



## Leonard "Len" Petersen

November 11, 2007

Petersen, Leonard James "Len" age 83, of Minneapolis. Professor Emeritus, University of Wisconsin, Superior, WI and WWII veteran. Preceded in death by his brother, Eugene. He is survived by nephew, Robert (Candace) Petersen and niece, Janis Petersen of Tucson, AZ. Professor Petersen was born and raised in Chicago, earned his BFA at the Art Institute of Chicago, the U of Illinois, Champaign/Urbana, and his MFA from U of OR, Eugene. He taught art at the U of WI, Superior for 27 years, spending most summers in Manhattan's SoHo. A painter and sculptor, Len's award-winning work has been exhibited in numerous galleries in New York, MN, WI, MT and CA. A pioneer of cast and vacuum- formed art, he won countless awards. After retiring, Len opened Inner Space Art Work, a gallery/studio near Loring Park. He was loved and respected by his family, students and friends. A celebration of his life will be held on Nov. 15 from 5 to 8 PM at Chiang Mai Thai Restaurant in Calhoun Sq., 3001 Hennepin Ave., Minneapolis. The family requests memorials sent to the U of WI Superior Foundation, Petersen Scholarship Fund, PO Box 2000, Superior, WI 54880. Washburn-McReavy Coon Rapids Chapel 763-767-1000