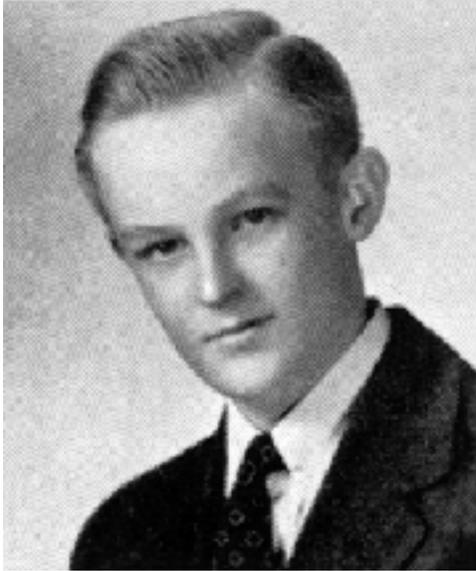


## Oliver W. Scheflow Biography



**Oliver W. Scheflow, - Class of 1944 - b. 1926 - d. August 21, 2016** From the EHS Yearbook, the Maroon: "*Ollie*" HiY

Ollie Scheflow was a mechanical engineer who helped develop the shock absorbers necessary for soft landing on the moon by the **Surveyor** spacecraft.

The world has lost a gentleman. Oliver W. Scheflow passed away at age 90 on August 21, 2016 at his home in Corrales, New Mexico. Born and raised in Elgin, Illinois, the only son of Oscar and Clara is survived by his wife of 65 years MaryAlice and daughters Lynn, Elizabeth (Tibi), Alice Kenny, as well as his son-in-law Jim and Ollie's grandsons Corrigan and Atticus. Ollie will be remembered for his many and varied contributions as an Eagle Scout, father, neighbor and mechanical engineer, yet much like the unassuming grace that he often displayed, his life story can be understood by the words curiosity, courtesy and courage. Knighted the "rocket scientist" when enshrined in the Elgin High School Hall of Fame, the 1948 Purdue University graduate started the first half of his career by contributing to our nation's race to space while working for aerospace suppliers, such as Sun Strand and Lear Siegler, when living in Illinois and Michigan. Along the way he produced countless patents, one of which was a hydraulic valve in the shock absorber that was part of the first unmanned spaceship landing on the moon. He and his family then lived in Avon Lake, Ohio during the second half of his career, which was when he contributed inventions to the meat cutting industry while serving as director of engineering for Bettcher Industries, from which he retired in 1991. In retirement, Ollie and MaryAlice have enjoyed traveling in the U.S. And abroad. Ollie was also active with the Corvair Club of New Mexico, where he selflessly led many teams that "kept it clean" on Albuquerque's old Route 66.