

The Arthur H. Spadafor, Sr. Electrician & Electrical Engineering Scholarship

Mr. Arthur Hamilton Spadafor, Sr. served honorably with the United States Coast Guard during World War II, serving as one of the youngest Machinist Mates 1st Class in the fleet. In this capacity, he rapidly became a skilled electrician responsible for operating the engine room of the USS Randall in the South Pacific Theater.

Following his military service, he and his bride, Mary, settled in Erie, where they raised their two children, Arthur, Jr. and Christine.

Mr. Spadafor began his career at General Electric as an electrician and then advanced to management at Penelec, the electric public utility, where he worked for 35 years.

Mr. Spadafor was also a licensed master electrician, and his meticulous skills were often in demand by businesses and individuals throughout the local area. A humble man with quiet strength, he possessed a great sense of empathy, frequently donating his time and skills to local charities and working at reduced rates for the elderly and financially disadvantaged. Mr. Spadafor was also a generous mentor to many aspiring electricians who learned their trade at this side.

Sadly, Mr. Spadafor passed away in 1994. This scholarship, established by his children in his name serves to honor the legacy of commitment to excellence, devotion to family and community, and duty to inspire and train the next generation of talent. This evening two of our students will receive \$500 scholarships for excellence in the Electrical Engineering program.