

In Memoriam



Lester L. Krauss

It is with sadness that we report the death of Lester L. Krauss, an AES life member. Mr. Krauss, who lived in Berea, Ohio, was

80 years of age when he died in January at Fairview Hospital. Although he was a professional photographer, Krauss was an avid audio hobbyist who valued the AES and took great pride in his long-term affiliation.

Born in Brooklyn, New York, Krauss attended City College of New York where he earned a bachelor's degree, then did postgraduate study at Cooper Union for the Advancement of Science and Art. He served in the Navy in the Pacific from 1942 until 1945. His decorations included the Good Conduct Medal, Presidential Unit Citation with star, Pacific Theater with seven stars, and the American theater with star. He supervised units of men on aircraft carriers and naval air stations, handling still and motion pictures afloat, ashore, and in aerial work from military aircraft. At the time of discharge he was a photographer's Mate.

Krauss invented an action mount for cameras while covering combat operations of the Fifth and Third fleets. He used the mount to film the bombing of the USS Franklin and later received a patent on his invention.

After the war Krauss taught photography at City College and ran a photographic studio in New York. An illustrator for major paperback publishers, he also did illustrations for recording companies including RCA Victor, MGM, Columbia and United Artists. His work appeared in consumer magazines, such as *Mad*, *Cosmopolitan*, *Time*, and *Sports Illustrated*.

In addition to the AES, Krauss was a member of the Society for Photographic Education. He is survived by his wife, Doris, and daughter, Lisa.