



Obituaries

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Carl J. Wenzinger of Johnson City

Carl J. Wenzinger, 79, died peacefully on Monday, January 9, 2006, following a courageous struggle to live. In his final days and weeks, he was surrounded by loving family and friends as he had been throughout his life. He was known for his integrity and work ethic, his caring for family and friends, his love of country, and his self-proclaimed "warped sense of humor."

Carl is survived by his devoted wife of 57 years, Dorothy; their children and spouses, Leigh and Michael Walls of Concord, N.H., Karen and Jim Holtz of Pleasanton, Calif., Ron and Cindy Wenzinger of Whitney Point, and Don and Susan Wenzinger of Vestal. He is also survived by a brother, George Wenzinger of Tampa; grandchildren, Allison and Bethany Walls; Eva, Emily, Abigail, Rebekah and Arthur Holtz; Sean, Robin and Noah Wenzinger; Steven Wenzinger and wife, Laurie; Marilyn and husband, Mark Warren; Grant, Emma, Meghan and Evan Wenzinger; and great-grandsons, Marky and Hunter Warren.

Carl was born March 8, 1926 in Philadelphia and grew up in Hampton, Virginia. He attended Georgia Tech prior to enlisting in the U.S. Navy in 1943. During WWII, he served aboard the USS LCI (G) 458 in the Pacific Theatre. In 1950, Carl graduated from the University of Maryland with a Bachelor of Science degree in Electrical Engineering. For many years he enjoyed piloting private aircraft and he was an avid boater his entire life.

A founder of Doron Precision Systems, Inc. of Binghamton, a world leader in the development and manufacture of driving and entertainment simulation systems, Carl served as President of the company from its inception in 1973 until 1990. He continued as Chairman of the Board until his passing. Carl considered the company's employees his second family and was never too busy to listen, guide or give good advice.

Carl shared his leadership and expertise both locally and nationally. A member of Vestal Center United Methodist Church, he served as a trustee and assisted with several significant projects. He was a member of the Broome County Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors and the Broome County Airport Advisory Board, serving as its Chairman for many years. He served on the executive committee of the American Driver and Traffic Safety Education Association (ADTSEA) and was a member of numerous other business and civic organizations.

A memorial service will be held Saturday at 11 a.m. at Vestal Center United Methodist Church with the Rev. Nancy Topolewski officiating. The family will receive friends at the Wm. R. Chase & Son Funeral Home, 737 Chenango St., Port Dickinson, on Friday from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. A private burial will be held at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Vestal Center United Methodist Church, West Hill Rd., Vestal 13850, or to a charity of your choice that benefits children.

The family greatly appreciates the kindness and caring of all the staff at Lourdes Hospital.

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