

Walter A. Harig



February 22, 2005 Walter A. Harig, 71, of Fayetteville and Henderson Harbor, died Tuesday after being cared for by his family at home. Born in Buffalo, he lived in Manlius and Fayetteville for 44 years. Mr. Harig was president of the Fayette Agency, Inc., Fayetteville, which he founded in 1967. He had over 48 years experience in the insurance industry, starting his career at Liberty Mutual after graduating from Canisius High School and College in Buffalo.

Mr. Harig moved to the Syracuse area after being promoted to Upstate NY District Manager, the youngest at the company. During his long and successful career, he served on the Agent's Advisory Boards for CNA Insurance Company, Fireman's Fund Insurance Company, and the Royal Sun Alliance Insurance Company. He was also a President's Club member with Peerless Insurance Company and an Insurance Committee volunteer for the Rescue Mission. Mr. Harig served twice as president of the Fayetteville Chamber of Commerce, working hard to nurture positive working relations between local businesses and the community. He also actively managed and pursued commercial real estate opportunities.

Mr. Harig was an avid sailor and fisherman, and served as Commodore of the Henderson Harbor Yacht Club. He loved to travel, scuba dive, read, paint nature scenes with watercolor, spend time with his family and friends, and tell stories. Survivors: his wife of 48 years, the former Betty Ann Nist; his children, M. Kathleen (Rob) Lynn of Fayetteville, Dr. Gretchen A. Harig of Santa Rosa, CA, Thomas M. Harig of Syracuse, and Janet H. (Michael) Drozd of Fayetteville; a brother, Richard F. Harig of Denver, CO; four grandchildren, Keara, Brooke, Andrew, and Ronan; and several nieces and nephews. Memorial Services: 11 a.m. Saturday at Eaton-Tubbs-Schepp Funeral Home. Visitation will be 4 to 7 p.m. Friday at the funeral home, 7191 E. Genesee St., Fayetteville.

Contributions: In lieu of flowers, please send contributions to the Charles and Mary Haney Fund for needy cancer patients, c/o Jonathan Wright, MD, 750 E. Adams St., Syracuse, NY 13210. EATON-TUBBS-SCHEPP Fayetteville 637-3214

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