



Mr. Carl Allen Pohly

May 7, 1929 - December 25, 2022

POHLY, Mr. Carl Allen - Age 93, passed away Sunday, December 25, 2022 at his residence.

Carl was born on May 7, 1929, in Flint, Michigan to Allen and Mary Pohly. He was their second child. He came after his older sister, Larice Nadine, and was followed by his younger sister, Mary Alice. Carl went to Oak Elementary, Whittier Junior High School, and Flint Central High School, where he graduated in 1947 as the Salutictorian of his class. He was active in the Drama Club in high school.

Carl attended Flint Junior College and the University of Michigan, where he graduated with a degree in Economics and was Phi Beta Kappa. His college roommates remained his friends until the end of his life. Carl was a big fan of the Michigan Wolverines, and their football team in particular. He and Nancy enjoyed season tickets to their football games, and he also made fans of all of his children and grandchildren, often attending games with his granddaughter, Erin.

Carl joined the Navy following college and served as a Lieutenant JG during the Korean War. He received his commission in 1952. He served in the Navy Reserves when he returned to civilian life.

On July 26, 1952, Carl married Nancy Lee Hockey, the love of his life. Together they raised their three daughters and played an important role in the lives of their four granddaughters.

After serving in the Navy in Virginia Beach, Carl returned to Flint, Michigan, where he took a job with Merrill Lynch. He left Merrill Lynch for Genesee Bank to serve as a Vice President and Investment Officer in their Trust Department. He remained in that role through several changes in bank ownership and retired from JPMorgan Chase Bank in 1994.

Carl and Nancy traveled extensively during their retirement and visited 5 of the 7 continents. They particularly enjoyed travelling with Nancy's British cousins and their trips with the Nomads Travel club.

Carl's joy in life, outside of his family, was his Lightning sailboat and his membership in the Lake Fenton Sailing Club, where he served as an active member and as commodore. He led the construction of the second floor of the clubhouse, and also oversaw the installation of a seawall, both of which are still landmarks for the club.

Carl and Nancy were members of the Flint Golf Club for more than 50 years and played golf together as a hobby.

Carl loved dogs, and owned several. The first family dog was Kris, a German Shepherd, then, Kristi, a Keeshond, followed by Winnie, Gator, Jester and Belle, all Bouvier des Flanders. He was recognized by many in Grand Blanc because of the long daily walks he took through the city with his canine friends.

Carl lived a full life and was known, liked and respected for his honesty, his

integrity, his sense of fairness and his strength of character.

He leaves behind his wife of 70 years, Nancy, his three daughters, Linda Pohly and Susan Franzen, of Flint, Michigan and Sharon Pohly of Fort Wayne, IN as well as three granddaughters, Erin Franzen of Grand Blanc MI, Logan (Terrance) Franzen of Ferndale, MI and Victoria Pohly of Fort Wayne, IN. In addition, he is missed by Allison Glasson, his 'bonus' granddaughter.

He also leaves behind his sister, Mary McClellan, his nieces Kathryn Roedel, Karen (Matthew Voelker) Wright, Jean Rohloff and Donna Bourque, his nephews, Brian (Marianne) Wright, John (Sharon) Rohloff and Mark (Nancy) McClellan, as well as several great nieces and nephews and great great nieces, and members of Nancy's British family, who adored him.

Carl also leaves his lifelong friends and college roommates, Dr. James O. Smith and Dr. Richard Schick. Their fourth college roommate, Dr. Richard Graves recently passed away. He also has special friends from sailing who will miss him, especially Mr. David Nickels and Mr. Bill McInnes.

Carl was preceded in death by his parents, Allen and Mary Pohly, his sister, Larice Rohloff and brother-in-law Al Rohloff, his brother-in-law Fred McClellan, his granddaughter Mei Margaret (Maggie) Pohly and his son-in-law, Alan Branham.

The family wishes to express their appreciation to McLaren Hospice and to Carl's caregivers, especially Ja-Neen and Shavita.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Lake Fenton Sailing Club PO Box 148 Fenton, MI 48430 or to a charity of your choice.

Plans for a memorial service are still in the works.

Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. Carl Allen Pohly*

October 09, 2023 at 07:02 AM



“ *For two summers in the mid 2000s, Carl was my skipper and sail racing teammate. I was just a teenager and knew nothing about life or sailing, but he was extremely kind and patient, and he taught me. He was also competitive and he wanted to win, which motivated me as a crewmate. I made many mistakes but he never admonished me, always offering helpful guidance.*

Carl was generous with his time -- and with his boat, once allowing me to borrow it for a cruise around Lake Fenton with my girlfriend (now my wife).

I regret that I fell out of contact with Carl after I moved away from Michigan as an adult. I think of him often as an important figure in my young life.

Tyler Mack - April 03, 2023 at 04:50 PM

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“ I first met Carl Pohly when we were both attending Flint Junior College in the fall of 1947. Carl was a good friend of Jim Smith who was my elementary class mate from the 1st to the 6th grade in a one room rural school. After 2 years at junior college, Carl and I went to The University of Michigan, where we were roommates. Carl was the smartest student I ever knew in College. When graduating from Michigan, Carl shared receiving the Economic Honorary Award with another student. Now the rest of the story... At the end of the final semester Carl walked into our room and he had a horribly sad look on his face. I said “Carl, what in the devil is wrong?” He sobbingly said, “I got a B-plus.” I immediately asked in what subject, he said, Music Appreciation.



Dick Shick - January 04, 2023 at 11:33 AM

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“ what a wonderful and fulfilling life.

kate fields - December 30, 2022 at 10:25 AM

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“ I met Carl while working at the now Chase Bank before we all survived the numerous mergers and name changes but he was definitely a "Genesee Bank" man. Carl was a humble man and readily shared his knowledge with any one seeking to learn. He always had time for a good debate when there was back and forth from all parties.

Romi Jean Jones - December 30, 2022 at 10:17 AM



“ A life well lived. May peace be with you and your family.

Ladel Lewis - December 28, 2022 at 10:29 PM

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“ To the Pohly Family:

I was sorry to hear about the passing of your loved one. Death is liken to a thief that comes and takes away our love ones. Or due to old age and sickness we lose that precious quality of life that leads to death.



However, have you ever asked: Is death the end of it all? The bible clears up any question we might have about death. It also shows that there is a real hope for persons who have faith.

*Yours truly,
Patricia*

Patricia A Rison - December 26, 2022 at 12:34 PM