



## Perry F. Waldorph

April 22, 1927 - January 26, 2012

Perry F. Waldorph, 84, of Copake, passed away Thursday, January 26, 2012 at his residence.

Born on April 22, 1927 in Hudson, he was the son of the late John and Sarah (Johnson) Waldorf.

Perry was raised in Chatham and was the last living member of "The Gas House Gang" baseball team. He loved roller skating and spent many hours at the Chatham rink, also performing in a three-man skating act around the area.

His Air Force service in Germany introduced him to some fine people, including a famous concert pianist. During his service he received the "Wreath of Merit" twice and a World War II Victory medal.

After his discharge, he became a private detective. He was then the manager of Knox Roller Rink in the 1950's, where he met his wife-to-be, Janet. Later he owned a Mobil gas station on Route 7 in Niskayuna, and then was an auto mechanic for both Firestone and Goodyear Tires. He worked as a retirement application examiner for the NYS Department of Audit and Control until his retirement in 1983. All along the way, he tried to share whatever he gained from his experience by helping others.

In addition to his work, he enjoyed being the #1 crew chief, hot air ballooning with his pilot wife. Love of country and service were very important to Perry, and his trip to the Washington, DC, WW II Memorial was especially treasured. His beloved beagles were his constant companions.

Surviving are his wife of 54 years, Janet (Barton) Waldorph of Copake; his daughter, Debra (Peter) Coppola of Schenectady; his son, David Waldorph of Florida; three grandchildren, Aaron, Jessica, and Michael, and several nieces and nephews.

He was predeceased by his sister, Leona Schermerhorn.

Calling hours are 3-5 pm Sunday at the Bates & Anderson - Redmond & Keeler Funeral Home.

Services will be held at 10:30 am Monday at the West Copake Reformed Church.

Burial will be in the West Copake Reformed Church Cemetery.

The family would like to acknowledge and thank Drs. Davis and DeMarco, the NYOH Cavell Center, and the Columbia Greene Hospice team for their excellent care.

Donations may be made to Community Hospice of Columbia Greene, 47 Liberty St., Catskill, NY 12414, or to the Cavell Cancer Center, 69 Prospect Avenue, Hudson, 12534.