



Carl K. Crane

September 26, 2014

Carl K. Crane, age 86, died on Friday, September 26th at Fort Hamilton Hospital. Carl was born in Hamburg, Germany, the son of Dr. Felix and Herta Bahlsen Cohn. The family immigrated to the United States in 1939. They settled in Hamilton where Dr. Cohn set up his medical practice. Carl attended public schools in Hamilton and graduated from Hamilton High School in 1946. He enlisted in the U.S. Army and spent a year in Korea with the occupation forces in the Army Corps of Engineers. He was discharged with the rank of TEC 4 Sergeant. He received the Army of Occupation Medal and the World War II Victory Medal. Shortly after military service, he entered Iowa State University graduating in December 1951 with a B.S. degree in Forestry. He was a member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon social fraternity and Alpha Phi Omega service fraternity. On October 11, 1952 Carl married his high school sweetheart, Joan Cummins, at The Presbyterian Church in Hamilton. This year, they would have celebrated their 62nd wedding anniversary. Carl was employed by the Long-Bell Lumber Company in Eugene, Oregon; Weed, California; Longview, Washington; and Kansas City, Missouri. After returning to Hamilton, he was associated with the Pease Woodwork Company as a buyer. In 1961 he started his own kitchen and remodeling business. He worked for the Kroger Company in the real estate division in Cincinnati; was Director of Administrative Services at Federated Department Stores, Cincinnati; was Vice President of Properties for the First National Bank of Southwestern Ohio, and retired from Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield as

Director of Administrative Services in Cincinnati. For several years he taught business courses at Miami University Hamilton. Carl, at an early age, took an active part in the community. He was a counselor at Camp Myron Kahn Boy Scout Camp and was active in the Dan Beard Council as an adult. He served on the Hamilton City Schools Board of Education, the Lane Public Library Board, and the Board of Westover Retirement Community. He was a past member of Rotary International. At the Presbyterian Church, he was a ruling Elder, taught Sunday school, and served with his wife as advisor for the youth group of the church. A lifelong learner, Carl maintained an interest in everything around him. He loved people and lively discussions. He particularly enjoyed his monthly luncheons with the 46ers and the get-togethers with the Lunch Bunch gang from the First National Bank. A patron of the arts, an inveterate volunteer, and local political activist, he was energetic, hardworking, and devoted to family. Carl especially enjoyed his trips to Blue Mt. Lake in the Adirondacks. He and Joan traveled every fall to enjoy the beautiful colors. In his younger years the family shared wonderful times at Coldwater Lake, Michigan. He leaves his wife, Joan C. Crane, one daughter, Cynthia A. Crane (Gary Wollenweber), Cincinnati; two sons, George C. Crane (Akemi), Athens, Georgia, and Andrew B. Crane (Susan), of Loveland, Ohio. He is also survived by his sister, Maria Bechtel (Gordon) of Gainesville, Florida and his brother, Johann Cohn (Carmen) of Lakewood, Colorado, and sister-in-law, Susan Cummins Myers. Carl was devoted to his grandchildren Rio, Anise, and Savanna Crane of Athens, Georgia and Jackson, Sam, and Miles Crane of Loveland, Ohio. He is also survived by his nieces Bethany Bechtel (Stewart Thomas), Catherine Cohn, Teresa Wolfenden (Mark), Anne Mills (Craig), and nephews Joel Knapp (Paige), Timothy Bechtel, Scott Vaaler (Stephanie) and Eric Vaaler (Suzanne). He was preceded in death by his parents, his brother, Andreas Cohn, his sister, Anna Knapp, and his daughter, Susan Elizabeth Crane, and brother-in-law, David Myers. He leaves thirteen great nieces and nephews. A memorial service will be held at the Presbyterian Church, 19 South Front St. Hamilton at 11 a.m., Monday, October 6th with Dr. John H.H.

Lewis officiating. Memorials may be made to the Presbyterian Church, An