



Carl E. LaTray

August 30, 1927 - March 23, 2013

Mr. Carl E. LaTray, age 85, passed away on Saturday, March 23, 2013 at the Bassett Medical Center in Cooperstown with the love and support of his family.

Born in Utica on August 30, 1927, Carl was the son of the late Ernest and Edith M. (Porter) LaTray. Raised and educated locally, he was a graduate of Utica Free Academy. A veteran of the United States Army, he honorably served his country from 1945-1947 during World War II. Upon completion of his military service, Carl enrolled in MVCC where he pursued a degree in Graphic Arts.

For a period of time, Carl held a position as a silk screener at Color-Ad in Utica. A quiet and knowledgeable man, he valued the serenity and stillness of his home, as well as the sheer and simple natural beauty of the woods and mountains where he hiked with fellow members of the Tramp & Trail Club in his earlier years. He also held in high regard his animal companions whether domestic or in the wild. Carl was diverse in his interests and hobbies. He was affiliated with the Oneida County Historical Society, pursued photography and loved taking photos of old buildings and structures of unique architectural design, and delved into the local history of Utica. His photographs were exhibited at the Munson-Williams-Proctor Arts Institute. Carl was also a skilled craftsman known for his beautifully created woodwork of dulcimers, guitars, and various woodworking designs.

Carl is survived by his sister, Theresa M. Ambrose of New Hartford; his niece,

Susan M. Dawson and fiancé Walter Sudol of Newport; his nephew, Joseph L. Ambrose and Norma Borruso of Utica; and his cousins. He was predeceased by his nephew, Ronald Dawson; and his brother-in-law, Louis A. Ambrose. The family is grateful to the nurses and staff of the Bassett Cancer Center in Herkimer, the Bassett Medical Center in Cooperstown, and neighbor Stephanie Kelly, for all their care, compassion, and attention. The family will honor and celebrate Carl's life in a private gathering. Interment will take place in St. Joseph's Cemetery privately and at the convenience of the family. Memorial contributions in lieu of flowers, may be considered to The Oneida County Historical Society, 1608 Genesee St., Utica NY 13502, or to the Bassett Cancer Institute, 321 Albany, St., Herkimer, NY 13350. Arrangements have been entrusted to the Eannace Funeral Home, Inc., 932 South St., corner of Hammond Ave.