

CHARLES J. DOCKENDORF

124 Pyracantha Lane

Born: June 24, 1917 New York, N.Y.

Died: February 26, 2002

The two daughters of Charles were present on Saturday, May 4, 2002, for the interment of his ashes. Words in memory were spoken and prayers made.

The Hawthorne Memorial Fund was represented by George Wolf.

The following pages are included as a memorial to Charles.



Charles James Dockendorf

June 24, 1917 - February 25, 2002

Charles Dockendorf was born on June 24, 1917 in New York City. While in the Navy he was stationed in Staten Island where he met his wife, Muriel. They resided in Queens (College Point) where they had twin daughters, Phyllis and Barbara. Charlie was a letter carrier for the U. S. Postal Service. He enjoyed playing softball, sailing, playing the piano, and growing a small garden.

In 1958 they moved to Dushore, Pennsylvania where his garden expanded, boating now included canoeing, and he learned to ice skate, snow shoe and cross country ski. He was a member of the softball and tennis teams while employed by Dupont. His other activities included bicycling over the hills of Pennsylvania, playing the guitar, building radios and models of boats. He also built a 12-foot sailboat. During this endeavor, he showed his daughter the pieces to the boat and asked, "Do you think I'm in over my head." She felt yes, but said, "No, Dad. Just take one step at a time." They enjoyed many years sailing that boat. Along with his expanded garden, he made apple cider, root beer and different types of wine.

When Charlie and Muriel moved to Hawthorne in 1986, they joined many groups and activities. Charlie was a member of:

- *Kitchen Band
- *Softball Team
- *Tennis Team
- *Nature Club
- *Boating Club
- *New York Club
- *Pennsylvania Club

Besides playing with the Kitchen Band, he also had several opportunities to play the piano as a "professional." He would speak fondly of his "gigs."

Charlie enjoyed sailing on Lake Harris and took several over-night trips with his friend, Vance Wilson, each sailing their own boats. He also participated in the annual Boat Parade. Both his grandchildren, daughters, and sons-in-law were a little "frightened" when they would canoe Lake Harris with him and hear alligators jumping into the Lake. His twin daughters had the opportunity to start sailing at age four in a Snipe, followed by an Old Towne, Lightning, Robin and then Compact at Hawthorne.

He volunteered at the hospital where he did everything and anything including working in the Gift Shop, delivering flowers and standing behind the counter in the Cafeteria. Charlie also spent one school year volunteering weekly at Leesburg High School assisting the Agricultural teacher.

When Charlie decided to make a few large purchases (sailboat and Baby Grand Piano), he didn't want to spend his savings, so he took a job at the Mission Inn as a dishwasher. He earned his money for these items and also got to play golf for free.

His love of gardening continued when he came to Hawthorne and he had a garden for many years, "up by the tennis courts." He and Muriel enjoyed playing golf at Hawthorne. Most of all he enjoyed all of the new friends he made while living at Hawthorne. Some have preceded him in death and are waiting to continue those tennis matches and softball games.