



Carl E. Touhey

November 11, 1917 - August 25, 2013

Albany-Carl E. Touhey, a lifelong Albany businessman, passed into Eternal Life at the remarkable age of 95. He was a graduate of the Albany Academy and Princeton University (class of '39) and ran a stunning race for Mayor of Albany in 1973. As an avid sailor, he sailed along the Eastern seaboard and once crossed the Atlantic. He was President of Orange Motor Company, which was founded by his father, Charles (who also lived into his 90s) on Friday the 13th 1916. Carl always chuckled at that date, quickly adding, "And we're still standing, still strong!" For over 75 years his various businesses, among which were the Canada Dry Bottling Company, and The Quevic Vichy Company, and various real estate entities provided employment for hundreds of Capital Region families.

As successful as he was, he equally enjoyed giving back to his community. When asking others to do the same, he had an interesting strategy. He would say "How can I get big bucks from this guy? First I need to set the tone by stepping up myself." And he did. Some of his favorite organizations were big, such as Albany Medical Center, The College of Saint Rose, WMHT Public Television, Saratoga Performing Arts Center and the Albany Symphony. But he also cared about smaller organizations like Capital Region Sponsor a Scholar, the 15 Love Youth Program and the Touhey Homeownership Foundation, all of which directly serve families in our community who were not as fortunate to have the resources Carl had. He was also a respected

member of several clubs in both Albany and the Delray Beach, Florida area: The Fort Orange Club, Schuyler Meadows CC, Manalapan Yacht Club, The Little Club, & Gulfstream Bath & Tennis Club.

Finally, he would always say “It all comes down to family.” Carl was the son of Charles and Winifred, brother to Frank (Carlo) and sister Alice (Dick Walsh). He and his wife, Nancy (Downing), shared a great mutual love and devotion. Carl was previously married to the former Lila Latham, who are parents to Charles (Alice Green), John (Patricia Lowry), Lila Marie and Virginia (Kathy Simmonds). He is grandfather to Evan, Colin, Charlie, John (Jen Forster) and Brenda and great-grandfather to Kaiya, Olivia and Ava. Carl was an active and surrogate father to his brother Frank’s children: Terez, Frank, Eileen, CoCo, Tony, Patrick, Carl, Justine and Carlo, and his sister Alice’s children: Larry, Natalie, Nick, Carl and Eleanor. Carl was also generously involved in the lives of Nancy’s children: Kathy, George, Peter, Amy, Carrie, Michael, and Mary, and their many children and grandchildren.

Funeral services Thursday, August 29, 2013 at 10:00 am in the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Albany where a Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated.

Relatives and friends are invited and may respectfully call Wednesday, August 28, 2013 4:00 to 7:00 pm in the McVeigh Funeral Home, 208 North Allen Street, Albany. To leave a special message for the family, obtain directions, or view other helpful services, please visit www.McveighFuneralHome.com

In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent to Capital Region Sponsor a Scholar, 3 Pine West Plaza, Washington Avenue Extension, Albany, NY 12205 and/or The Achievement Center for Children and Families, 555 NW 4th Street, Delray Beach, FL 33444.

Tribute Wall

CF

“ *Mr Touhey was my Godfather. He and my father did business together for many years. According to my father I was named after him. And while they did not stay in touch over the years since my baptism, years later when I was headed out West to start my professional career he made it a point to not only get together with me to meet but also to help me financially and of course with a great deal in a car from Orange Motors!! A very small piece of a very large legacy. RIP Godfather! Carl Fris*

Carl C Fris - August 25, 2024 at 08:17 PM



“ *Carl E. Touhey*

October 08, 2023 at 09:24 PM

BS

“ *To Charles, Alice and Family,
So sorry to hear of your fathers passing. His good works and the Touhey legacy is sure to continue under your families leadership for decades to come. My condolences.
Bonita Sanchez*

Bonita Sanchez - August 30, 2013 at 07:19 PM

MT

“ My thoughts and prayers go out to this family ! Such a great man, he was my pt. a few months ago and he had me laughing so hard he made me cry (I had to remind him that I was at work)..... He is the kind of person that you would want around you at all times, as we were talking he introduced himself to me and told me who he was and what he has done for the community. I was impressed, not because of who he ended up being just for the simple fact that he seemed like an ordinary person like me and you, doing what he could to help the less fortunate. For him to be as wealthy as he is and still put what he put into these buisnesses/community he has a HUGE heart ! This family is truly blessed to have a man of this magnitude to be proud of R.I.P Mr. Touhey

M. Thorpe - August 28, 2013 at 12:52 PM

TC

“ My prayers and condolences to Carl's immediate and extended family. Carl's absence will be felt by many.

Tim Champion

Tim Champion - August 28, 2013 at 11:45 AM



“ *My thoughts go out to all of the Touhey families at this time. Just knowing that Carl was there for Frank and Carlos's children (Frank, Terez, Eileen, CoCo, Tony, Patrick, Carl, Justine and Carlo), after their passing -makes me admire him all the more. His quote "family is everything"--- was lived - not just spoken.*



He had a life well lived. It is now your time to rest...

*Kathleen Hinterberger
A neighbor to Carlo's family~*

Kathleen Samaniuk-Hayes - August 28, 2013 at 07:12 AM

SO

“ *"Uncle Carl" was my confirmation sponsor at Holy Cross Church in 1966 and one of my father's lifelong closest friends. All of my memories of him are of the happiest kind. I remember visiting his home on Rosemont Street often when I was very young and a classmate of Virginia. Dear Virginia, John, Lila and the rest of the family, I offer my deepest sympathy at your loss.*

*Stephen O'Brien
Brooklyn, NY*



Stephen O'Brien - August 28, 2013 at 03:48 AM

KP

Virginia. I am so sorry to hear about your Dad. Kathy pfeiffer TNT

kathy pfeiffer - August 28, 2013 at 12:43 PM

SR

“ To Charlie and the entire Touhey family, we are deeply sorry for your family's loss and hope that you will always be inspired by your father's many amazing accomplishments and generosity.

Seth and Amarit Rosenblum

Seth Rosenblum - August 27, 2013 at 09:50 PM

 Carol Hargis

“ My most precious memory of "Uncle Carl" is attending a Sunday Mass at Holy Cross Church, about 1965. I was five and quite precocious, and it was rare that I could sit still through a service. I looked over my shoulder to spot my favorite person in the world, and when I caught his eye, he quietly pulled his extra-long eyebrows down so they covered his eyes completely while he grinned tremendously at me. Of course, I began giggling uncontrollably, with God's blessing! Carol O'Brien Hargis, Chatham, NY

Carol Hargis - August 27, 2013 at 07:58 PM

EB

“ Dear Charles,

I am so sorry for your loss. I (and my students) are grateful that you have followed in your father's benevolent footsteps.

In Sympathy,

Eloise Briere

Eloise Briere - August 27, 2013 at 12:50 PM

SA

“ I enjoyed working for you for several years at orange motor company as well as now currently working for Albany Med. I am sad to hear of your passing, may you rest in peace Mr. Touhey.



Sarah - August 27, 2013 at 10:49 AM

TR

“ It is with great sadness to hear of Carl's death. It is not hard at a time like this to be reminded of what an incredible man he was. In many ways he was not just a close family friend, but on a few occasions, a grandfather, a mentor, an advisor. His sincerity and generosity was endless.

I, as well as my brother and sister's hold a special place for him in our lives. Please accept my deepest condolences for your loss.

Terry Rosbrook - Son of Fred Rosbrook

terry rosbrook - August 27, 2013 at 06:59 AM

KG

“ Virginia, your father was a very special man to so many people but he was "Dad" to you and we have no doubt you will continue to live well and do good in his memory and by his fine example. We hold you in our hearts with gentle Love, Kim and Ginny

Kim and Ginny - August 27, 2013 at 06:43 AM