



## Carl W. Ferris

March 6, 1926 - November 27, 2009

Carl William Ferris of Rock Hall, Maryland died on Thursday, November 26, 2009, after a brief illness due to complications from heart disease, at the Washington Hospital Center in Washington D.C. He was 83.

He was born on March 6, 1926 in Olean, New York, the son of the late Loyal W. and Bernice Gladys Ferris. He was a 1943 graduate of Olean High School and graduated in the Class of 1947 from Cornell University with a degree in Mechanical Engineering. Mr. Ferris attended Cornell while he was in the United States Navy in their V-12 program during World War II. He met his wife, Constance (Connie) Foley Ferris, of over 62 years, while they were students. They married on June 16, 1947, the day Mrs. Ferris graduated. Mr. Ferris went to work for the DuPont Company in Wilmington, Delaware in January of 1947 and continued in the Petroleum Chemical Division for 17 years, which included seven years in Chicago, IL. In 1963 he left DuPont and became a franchisee of Burger King restaurants in Pennsylvania. Mr. and Mrs. Ferris owned and operated all the Burger Kings in Bucks and Montgomery counties for 23 years.

After his retirement in 1986, Carl and Connie divided their time between Naples, Florida and their beloved home, Kimbolton, which they purchased in 1971 in Rock Hall, Maryland. "Retirement" was a busy time with much travel, collecting of antiques, visiting with family and friends, and enjoying the

Eastern Shore of Maryland. Mr. and Mrs. Ferris actively supported many charitable, educational, and community organizations both around Rock Hall and Chestertown and throughout the East Coast. They established the first faculty chair in the College of Human Ecology at Cornell, The Ferris Family Professorship in Life Course Studies, as well as an endowed chair in business management at Washington College in Chestertown.

Mr. Ferris was preceded in death by his daughter, Amy Lynn Ferris DiMarzio, and his sister, Dolores Ferris Fitzpatrick. He is survived by his wife, Connie, his daughter, Connie Ferris Meyer of Malvern, Pennsylvania, three grandchildren, Eric G. Meyer (Kara) of Oakland, California, Bethany Meyer Paves (Michael) and Robyn P. Meyer (Paul) both of San Francisco, California, and two great-grandchildren, Chloe Sammet Meyer and Bode Sammet Meyer Oakland, California, two sisters, Audrey Ferris Drake of Lexington, South Carolina and Sandra Ferris Scott of Tamaqua, Pennsylvania, numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

The family will be accepting visitors at the Fellows, Helfenbein and Newnam Funeral Home in 130 Speer Road, Chestertown, Maryland 21620 on Friday, December 4, 2009 from 6:00pm to 8:00 pm. His memorial service will be held at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 7579 Sandy Bottom Road, Chestertown, Maryland 21620 on Saturday, December 5, 2009 at 1pm with burial to follow in the church cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made in his memory to: The Amy Lynn Ferris Adult Activity Center, 200 Schaubert Road, Chestertown, Maryland 21620, St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital, 262 Danny Thomas Place, Memphis, TN 38105 or to the charity of your choice.

# Previous Events

## Service

DEC 5. 1:00 PM (ET)

St. Paul's Episcopal Church Kent  
7760 Sandy Bottom Road  
Chestertown, MD

# Tribute Wall



“ *Carl W. Ferris*

October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ *Carl W. Ferris*

January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ *Carl W. Ferris*

January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM



“ *Carl was a unique individual. I've never met anyone like him and suspect that I may never again. Attributes like integrity, commitment, honor, loyalty....things that that many aspire to but few achieve, were effortless for Carl, as much a part of him as breathing. Participating in any task with him, business or otherwise, with his razor sharp intellect and boundless energy was a humbling experience, since at some 30 years his junior, I always struggled to keep up, both in wit and stamina. His accomplishments as Entrepreneur, Philanthropist, Business Leader and Investor touched and enriched so many lives. Personally, as a mentor and teacher he influenced my life profoundly. However, more than anything else, I am fortunate to have been able to call him my friend, and I am truly honored that he called me his. Rest easy Carl, I'll miss you.##imported-begin##Paul Alford##imported-end##*

December 02, 2009 at 01:50 PM



“ *The loss of Uncle Carl is one that will be felt in countless ripples as he has so positively affected many lives, but none more greatly than his family. Aunt Connie, Connie Mae, Aunt Auddie, Aunt Sandy, Eric, Robyn, Beth (and families) and the rest of our extended family will miss Uncle Carl tremendously.*

*As a child I remember being in awe of Uncle Carl, the man who lived on a big farm far away ( or so it seemed to me) and helped spoil us a little more at Christmas. However, our visits with him or he with us , proved him to be like any Uncle...kind, easy to laugh, smile and tell stories.*

*As an adult I began to appreciate how far Uncle Carl's kindness reached...and I was again in awe of him. Uncle Carl was truly a one of a kind man who had his priorities and values right where they should be- with his community but especially with his family.*

*We love you Uncle Carl!!##imported-begin##Kimberly Lott Conner##imported-end##*

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December 02, 2009 at 10:09 AM



“ *Our thoughts and prayers go out to you Aunt Connie, cousin Connie Mae, Eric, Beth, Robyn (and families), Aunt Sandy, Aunt Audrey, and you too Ben and all the rest of our extended family. I remember as a child there was something that would always draw me to Uncle Carl....his calming presence, the sparkle in his eye that reminded me of Santa Clause, and his welcoming smile. As an adult I grew to appreciate and respect greatly a caring and knowledgeable man who shared with me hours of stories during short but cherished visits, giving me the gift of his experiences and many adventures in his life. I love you Uncle Carl. We will miss you very, very much.*

*Love and hugs to everyone and especially you Aunt Connie. Love - Yvonne and Mark##imported-begin##Yvonne Lott-Desnoyers##imported-end##*

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December 01, 2009 at 07:20 PM



“ Carl was a warm and gentle man full of life. This is the way I will always remember him. I worked with Carl back in the 70's and he always came to work with a smile on his face ready to set the world on fire.

He will surely be missed.##imported-begin##Kathy Caputo##imported-end##

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December 01, 2009 at 11:46 AM



“ Mr. Ferris has been a loyal supporter of Rebuilding Together. His contributions have resulted in many Kent County families' ability to live in a safe, warm, dry, and accessible home.

His generosity is sincerely appreciated.

For the Board of Directors of Rebuilding Together Kent County, MD

Bob Haist

President##imported-begin##Bob Haist, Rebuilding Together Kent County, MD##imported-end##

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December 01, 2009 at 11:07 AM



“ Connie,  
I am so sorry to hear of Carl's death. He was a neat person that I enjoyed talking with. May you keep the memories close.

Sherrie Hill##imported-begin##Sherrie Hill##imported-end##

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December 01, 2009 at 10:45 AM