



James Ralph Sharpe

September 28, 2000

James Ralph Sharpe of Oxford, a former executive vice president of the Export-Import Bank of the United States, died of leukemia on Thursday, at Talbot Hospice House, Easton. He was 71.

Born on April 15, 1929 in Columbus, OH, he was the son of the late Leslie P. and Marion Hall Sharpe. After receiving an engineering degree from Ohio State University, he served for three years as a U.S. Navy minesweeping officer during the Korean conflict. Mr. Sharpe spent most of his professional career with Dravo Corp. of Pittsburgh, where he became senior vice president and president of the subsidiary company, Dravo Engineers and Constructors. He was responsible for the design and construction of large industrial, power and mining projects throughout much of the world. He later served nearly 10 years in the Reagan and Bush administrations in Washington as executive vice president of the Export-Import Bank of the United States.

He and his wife retired to their home in Oxford in 1992. He was a volunteer with the Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum in St. Michaels and the Oxford Community Center.

Mr. Sharpe is survived by his wife of 39 years, Sally Knorr Sharpe; their son, James Douglas Sharpe of Annapolis; and a younger sister, Carolyn L. Batty of Trumbull, Ct..

The family will receive visitors at the Sharpe home on Wilson Street in Oxford on Sunday, Oct. 1 from 2 to 4 PM. A Private graveside service will be held on Monday. Memorial contributions may be made to the Oxford Community Center, P.O. Box 308, Oxford, MD 21654.

Tribute Wall



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