



Raymond Albert Wissolik

(February 5, 1923 - June 5, 2009)

Raymond Albert Wissolik, 86, of Hendersonville, passed away peacefully, Friday, June 5, 2009 at the Carolina Village Medical Center.

Raymond was born in Etna, PA. He was the son of the late Albert & Roselda Wissolik. He was preceded in death by his wife of 60 years, Elizabeth Hughes Wissolik.

He graduated Cum Laude from the University of Pittsburg with an Electrical Engineering Degree and held advanced Masters Degrees in Electrical Engineering from Stevens Institute of Technology and Business Administration from Harvard University. He served as an officer in the US Army Signal Corps. Ray's career started with RCA. He designed and invented a number of vacuum tubes which found wide industrial use including use in prototype color TV. He continued in the management of tube fabricating and then moved into the manufacturing management of integrated circuits, computer parts, and other electrical components. His employment with RCA took him to Taipei, Taiwan to run a fledgling manufacturing facility for computer electrical components that later resulted in numerous expansions. Ray finished his career as Vice President of Manufacturing for Knowles Electronics, maker of hearing aid components. Ray was always involved in activities outside of business as well. He was a longtime member and Elder in the Presbyterian Church, directing Bible studies, teaching Sunday school, and participating in church social events. His Christian witness was also shown with his involvement in such organizations as the Stephen Ministry and the church choir. He enjoyed membership in the Henderson County Gem and Mineral Society and volunteered at Pardee Hospital. He was a recent President of the Carolina Village Residents Association. Ray was a devoted husband and a loving father to his family.

Survivors include one son, Robert Schafer Wissolik of Lafayette, CO; two daughters, Susan Love James, of Canton, MA, and Rebecca Ann Zwissler, of Vista, CA, along with five grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held on 11 AM, Saturday, June 27th 2009 at the Hendersonville First Presbyterian Church. Reverend Dr. William P. Campbell will officiate. The family will receive friends following the service in the fellowship hall. Memorial contributions may be made to Hendersonville First Presbyterian Church, 699 N. Grove St., Hendersonville, NC 28792 or to Four Seasons Hospice and Palliative Care, P.O. Box 2395, Hendersonville, NC 28793.