



OBITUARY OF CHRISTIAN W. SLAGLE

NAME Christian W. Slagle, 87, of Aurora passed from this life into eternal life on Sunday March 4, 2012 at Country Side Care Center in Aurora.

BORN: Christian was born on March 28, 1924, in Summit New Jersey, the son of Christian and Agnes (Vernon) Slagle.

EARLY YEARS : Christian grew up in the Great Depression era along with his brother and two sisters. He took an early liking to music and played football, baseball and basketball. He liked the New York Giants and grew to love the ocean during summer trips to the Jersey shoreline.

EDUCATION: Christian graduated from the Buxton School in Short Hills, New Jersey with the graduating class of 1942. Later, he attended the University of Iowa where he earned his BA in Sociology.

MILITARY: At the age of 18, Christian joined the United States Navy and proudly served his country for four years, which included two years overseas during WWII as a member of the 6th Special NCB or "Seabees". His father (a retired Naval officer who was called back into active duty in Washington D.C.) and his brother also served in the Navy at this time. During his service, Christian drove amphibious landing crafts that transported marines, army and other military personnel all over the coral islands of the south Pacific. He also helped construct several allied airfields at Guadalcanal, Bougainville and the Philippines. After the war ended, Christian toured the country as a member of the United States Navy Band, where he played the French horn. After his honorable discharge, Christian returned to civilian life in New York City. He moved a few times including Pier 92 in Midtown Manhattan and Greenwich where he continued to play jazz.

MARRIAGE:

In 1955, during a trip to Phoenix Arizona, Christian met a young lady by the name of Violet Mitchell at TWA conference. After 11 days of romance in the desert, he would ask Violet to be his wife, coincidentally, on April Fool's day. They were

married on September 10, 1955 in Violet's hometown of Chicago, IL and remained devoted to each other for the next 57 years.

RESIDENTIAL HISTORY:

Shortly after their marriage, Christian and Violet moved to New Jersey for two years before returning to Oak Park, IL to raise their family. Oak Park would remain home for the next 42 years. In 1999, they moved once again, settling in Geneva, IL.

OCCUPATION / WORK HISTORY

Christian worked for TWA airlines, in their promotions department before deciding to go into business for himself. Christian used the skills he had developed over the years and started his own advertisement company.

LIFE NOTES

Christian had a "green thumb" and spent endless hours tending to his garden. His love for music extended beyond his days playing the French horn in the US Navy band as he also became an excellent pianist. His passion for music stemmed from his love of Jazz. When the weather allowed, Christian would set sail. He never let politics ruin a conversation or a friendship but his afternoons often revolved around the Rush Limbaugh program. Christian always appreciated a quality bourbon on the rocks along with good company. He became an avid fan of all Chicago sports teams after moving to Oak Park, especially the Blackhawks and Cubs.

Christian is best known for his love of family and wild sense of humor. He was a "super loving grandparent," loving father, and devoted husband.

SURVIVORS

Christian is survived by his wife Violet,
2 daughters:

Allison (Terry) Lally of St. Charles

Cynthia (Bob) Swift of Monument, CO

One son:

Christian W. (Lynnette) Slagle of Scottsdale, AZ

Seven Grandchildren:

Taylor, Katy, T. J., and Matthew Lally

Elana, Christian, and Trenton Slagle

Two Sisters:

Kathleen Partlon,

Nancy Slagle