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Robert Peter Westerfield, of the Hamlet of Wallkill, formerly of the Town of Newburgh and Downsville, NY, passed peacefully on Saturday, December 1, 2012 with his loving wife and family by his side. He was 83.

Bob was born on April 25, 1929 in Englewood, NJ to his late father and mother, James Wallace and Charlotte Helen Emily Weiman Westerfield. As a child his parents relocated to Pine Bush, NY where he graduated from Pine Bush High School and later attended Cornell University. He married his loving wife, Elsie "Ellie" M. Glaum on December 4, 1953.

Bob was predeceased by his loving parents, and loving stepfather, Robert Lavarack; paternal grandparents, Jasper and Eva C. Westerfield; maternal grandparents, Peter and Elizabeth Weiman; brother, James Wallace "Wally" Westerfield Jr.; his godson and nephew, James Wallace "Jake" Westerfield III, and his beloved aunt and uncle, Edna and Frederick "Fritz" Lutz .

He is survived by his beloved wife of 59 years, Elsie, residing at home; his son, Robert P. Westerfield Jr. of Montgomery, NY; his daughter, Lisa and her husband, Rob (Erik) Stoker of Wallkill; his grandchildren: Corrina (Stoker) and husband, Bryan Meyer of Wallkill, Katrina and husband, Jahrim Stoker of Wallkill, Robert P. Westerfield III and girlfriend, Hana Koho, and Christopher Westerfield, both of Montgomery, NY. Bob was blessed to have enjoyed his

wonderful great-grandchildren: Nicholas Christian Meyer, J.R. (Jahrime Robert) Stoker, Evelyne Rose Stoker, and the expected birth of his fourth great-grandchild, Peter William, to be named in his great-grandfather's honor. He is also survived by his cousin, Elizabeth "Betty" Muller of Pine Bush, and several nieces and nephews.

After attending Cornell, Bob worked as a Milk Inspector for the State of New York at local dairy farms. Bob worked as an Assembler and was a member of the International Association of Machinists Union at Spence Engineering, Walden, NY and later as Traffic Manager in Shipping and Receiving. He retired from Spence Engineering in 1994 after 44 years of dedicated service. Upon retirement Bob and Elsie moved from Colden Park, in the Town of Newburgh to Downsville, NY, where he enjoyed fishing, the quiet outdoors, and woodworking. He continued his joy of music and love of singing and became a member of the Mid-Hudson Statesmen Chorus barbershop group in Oneonta, NY. Becoming ill with chronic lung disease, they moved back to the Hamlet of Wallkill to be closer to their loving family.

He was the past President and a Jr. Corps Advisor for the Town of Newburgh Volunteer Ambulance Corps, past President of the National Campers and Hikers Association of the Hudson Valley Wanderers, past member of the Pine Bush Volunteer Fire Department and a member of the Masonic Temple, Newburgh, NY. In his youth he enjoyed playing the trumpet with the Pine Bush Drum and Bugle Corps and the Ambassadors Drum and Bugle Corps. He was honored to march in President Eisenhower's inaugural parade in Washington, DC.

Our family was blessed to have such a loving, caring husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather; strong in his faith, a witty sense of humor, and devoted to his family and friends.

The family would like to thank the many wonderful doctors, nurses, caregivers, and the staff at Hudson Valley Long Term Care in Highland for their kindness during his long illness.

Friends may call Wednesday, December 5, 2012, from 4 to 8 p.m. at the

DeWitt Funeral Home, 64 Center Street, Pine Bush, NY. Funeral services and burial of ashes will be held at 9:30 a.m. on Saturday, December 8, 2012, at the New Prospect Cemetery, Pine Bush, NY.

Funeral arrangements made by the DeWitt Funeral Home, 64 Center Street, Pine Bush, NY. 845-744-2787.

Cemetery Details

New Prospect Cemetery

Pine Bush, NY 12566