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Port Chester, NY

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Harold James Van Wert passed away on December 25, 2007. He was born in Danbury, CT to Chester and Bess (Scollin) Van Wert on June 4, 1918. He graduated from Pleasantville High School in 1936.

Harold served in the 96th Infantry Division in WWII (Pacific Theater) and received a Purple Heart and a Bronze Star. He retired as a Major.

In 1963, he married Victoria Clark. Harold worked as a sales rep for McKesson & Robbins pharmaceutical company until his retirement. He also volunteered in The Skilled Nursing Pavillion of United Hospital in Port Chester for 13 years. He was a member of the Valhalla Rotary Club for several years, where he also served as president and was named a Paul Harris Fellow.

Survived by wife Victoria of 44 years, daughters Elyse Clark Jasensky and her husband Frank, and Suzanne Branscomb and her husband Eric, a son, Chester Van Wert and wife Jodie, eight grandchildren, one great-grandchild, and a sister, Betty Borho of Briarcliff Manor. Predeceased by his parents and brothers Charles and Robert Van Wert.

A Memorial Service will be held at the Community Unitarian Church of White Plains on January 27, 2008 at 2 PM. Donations may be made to the National Audobon Society.