John S. Waters

February 26, 1917 - June 11, 2008

Beloved husband of Patricia Whitaker Waters.rnFather of:rnJohn Samuel Waters Jr.rnKathleen Waters MarshallrnStephen Bosley Waters and wife Sharon Smith WatersrnPatricia Whitaker Waters Jr. and husband John Adams NeerrnGrandfather of seven grandchildren and 3 great grandchildren.rnrnObituaryrnrnJohn S. Waters, Company FounderrnDied June 11, 2008rnrnBorn in Owings Mills, Maryland February 26, 1917. Graduated from Franklin High School in Reisterstown, MD and then from Johns Hopkins University in 1939 with a BS in Economics. While at Hopkins he played varsity lacrosse and was a member of Delta Phi fraternity. After graduation he worked in the purchasing department of Butler Brothers wholesale dry goods firm. He entered the army classified as ?Limited Service? which meant he could not go to OCS or be sent overseas due to his poor vision. He was assigned to the Finance Corp. at Fort George G. Meade and remained there for three and one half years.rn In 1944, while still in uniform, he married Patricia Ann Whitaker the month she graduated from Sweet Briar College in Virginia. In April of 1946 their first son John Samuel Waters Jr. was born. Their daughter Kathleen followed in January of 1951, their son Stephen in December of 1951, and their daughter Patricia in 1955.rn After his army discharge he worked as a stockbroker with Alex Brown and Sons. Then, in 1947 he decided to try establishing his own business. So in August of that year he founded The Fireline Corporation. The company began as a distributor of fire extinguishers and over the years has grown to sell and

service all forms of fire protection equipment. Under the management of his son Stephen, the company continues to expand.rn In Chicago in 1964, he and a few others formed the National Association of Fire Equipment Distributors. He served as its first Region 1 Director and later as its third President in 1966. In 1972 he and six others from around the country formed the MAP Corporation in Bowling Green, Ohio. By using a byproduct from Ford Motor Company they found it possible to make a unique fire extinguisher powder. MAP processed this material along with other products and sold them throughout the country.rn He was fore many years a member of L?Hirondelle Club, as well as the Johns Hopkins Club. He served as President of the Star Spangled Banner Flag House Association and continued to support the foundation over the years. He was an active member of the Salvation Army Advisory Board and the Baltimore Rotary Club. The Rotary Club honored him with the Paul Harris Award for exemplary service to the club and its charities. And in 1999, NAFED awarded him the Lifetime Achievement Award for his dedication to the fire protection industry.rn He was a frequent traveler to England, was an active gardener, and stamp collector. For the last ten years he and his wife have lived in Blakehurst Retirement Community. At Blakehurst he was active in the various committees, and served a two year term as President of the Presidents Association. rn He is survived by his wife Patricia Whitaker Waters, his children John Jr., Kathleen, Stephen and his wife Sharon, Patricia and her husband John, seven grandchildren and three great grand children.rn rn

Funeral Arrangements

Friends may call at the family owned Mitchell-Wiedefeld Funeral Home, Inc., 6500 York Road (at Overbrook), Baltimore, MD 21212 on Thursday, 2-4 and 7-9. \r\nA memorial service will be held at the Church of the Holy Comforter, 130 W. Seminary Avenue, Lutherville, MD 21093 at 11:00 A.M.

Memorial Donation

In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to the Blakehurst Scholarship Foundation or the charity of your choice.

Interment Arrangements
Interment will be private.