



Frederick C. Hagedorn

HAGEDORN, Frederick “Fred” C.

Frederick Cleveland Hagedorn, 82, of West Hartford, died at home on Sunday (Nov. 8, 1998). He was the son of the late Fred B. Hagedorn and Violet Cleveland Hagedorn, and a direct descendant of Moses Cleveland, who arrived at the Massachusetts Bay Colony from England in 1630. Mr. Hagedorn was born in Hartford on March 28, 1916, and lived in the Hartford/West Hartford area all his life. While a student at Bulkeley High School (Class of `34), he began to play piano professionally with local bands. Music became a life-long avocation. In 1935 he played with Si Yaffe's band on the Ile de France during a trans-Atlantic crossing, and this experience

led him to take his own band on a trans-Atlantic crossing on the French Line's flagship the Normandie in 1937. A 1939 crossing on the Normandie was canceled when war broke out in Europe. After graduating from Morse College he started to work at the Hartford Connecticut Trust Company (which later became the Connecticut Bank and Trust Company) in 1936, retiring as a Vice President in Branch Administration in 1974. In 1953 he graduated from the Stonier Graduate School of Banking of the American Bankers Association at Rutgers University. Throughout his banking career he continued his interest and involvement in music, performing in many venues. He played at rollerskating rinks, including Lake Compounce in Bristol, and also with the house band at the State Theater. During World War II he played the organ for religious services at the Bradley Air Force Base. Over the years he also played the organ for various radio programs at WTIC and performed on piano and organ at the Heublein and Garde Hotels. For many years he and Phillip J. Stock provided dinner and dance music at the City Club of Hartford and the

Golf Club of Avon. In 1955 he traveled to Greenland with Bob Halprin to entertain American troops stationed at Sondestrom. In addition to maintaining his active membership in the American Federation of Musicians, he was also a member of the Society of American Magicians, performing magic shows for church and civic organizations. Because of his involvement in entertainment, he was asked to organize various professional and public events sponsored by the Connecticut Bank and Trust Company. In 1963, to celebrate the Bank's move to the Constitution Plaza complex in Hartford, he arranged for the display of one million dollars in a glass showcase as well as several performances of "Dancing Waters" (synchronized music, light, and fountains) on the bridge between Constitution Plaza and the Phoenix Insurance building. He leaves his wife of 55 years, Florence Richard Hagedorn, of West Hartford; a brother, Chester I. Hagedorn, of Indian Harbour Beach, Florida; a daughter, Holly C.H. Zaitchik and her husband Joseph Zaitchik of Wayland, MA, and grandsons Benjamin and Daniel Zaitchik, also of Wayland. He was predeceased by a

son, Frederick C. Hagedorn, Jr. At the request of Mr. Hagedorn, interment in Fairview Cemetery, West Hartford, will be private. Taylor and Modeen Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements. There are no calling hours. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to VNA Hospice of Hartford (103 Woodland Street, Hartford 06105) or to a charity of one's choice.

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