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**Casimir Charles Ciesla**

Casimir Charles Ciesla, 83, of Fairview Township, Mountain Top, died Saturday, Dec. 7, 2013, in Geisinger Wyoming Valley Medical Center, Plains Township, following a brief illness.

Charles was born Feb. 15, 1930 in Buttonwood, Hanover Township, and was the son of the late Joseph A. Ciesla and Caroline (Buczek) Ciesla. He graduated from Hanover High School in 1947, and from Wilkes University in 1955 after earning a degree in accounting.

Charles served on a destroyer with the [U.S. Navy](#) during the [Korean War](#). He was a life member of the [Veterans of Foreign Wars](#) Slocum Post 7918 and the American Legion Mountain Top Post 781.

Charles resided in Buttonwood for many years while assisting in the management of the family hardware store and construction business. He married Eleanor Urban in 1959 and shortly thereafter joined [General Motors](#) as a budget analyst and moved to Yardley. Charles later joined Sybron Corporation and moved to Mount Holly, N.J.

Several years later, he was promoted to the position of vice president and controller of the worldwide Sybron Chemical Corp. He retired in 1987, moved to Slocum Township, Luzerne County, and operated Ciesla Hardware Store in Hanover Township for many years.

Mr. Ciesla's hobbies included hunting, fishing, carpentry and history. He traveled extensively while in the Navy and as worldwide controller, and he went on dozens of cruises with his wife. Charles was a member of four historical societies and wrote numerous books including the histories of Hanover Township, Ashley, Sugar Notch, Warrior Run, Nanticoke, Newport Township, Slocum Township, Mountain Top Veterans, Plymouth Cemetery and Sans Souci Park. He was a life member of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross Church and actively participated in the church Men's Club.

Charles was preceded in death by his parents and by his sisters, Helen Plesko, Mary Helk, Carolyn Robel; and brother, Joseph S. Ciesla.

In addition to his wife, Eleanor Ciesla, Charles is survived by nephews, Robert Robel and his wife, Dolores; George Plesko and his wife, Pamela; niece, Mary Helen Modeen and her husband, Raymond; and cousins, John Frederick and Anna Ciesla Poplowski and her husband, Gregory.

The funeral will be held from the Charles Sherbin Funeral Home, 630 Main Road, Hanover Green. Friends and family may call from 4 to 7 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 10 a.m. Wednesday in Exaltation of the Holy Cross Church, 420 Main Road, Buttonwood. Interment will be in Hanover Green Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Exaltation of the Holy Cross Church Men's Club.

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