Dr. Carl J. Schaefer, age 90, of Easton, MD, died at his home, Sunday, December 12, 2010.

Born on April 27, 1920 in Buffalo, NY, he was the son of the late Carl J. Schaefer, Sr. and Isabel Shear Schaefer.

Dr. Schaefer graduated from Buffalo Technical High School and The Ohio State University with a B.S., M.A. and PhD degrees.

Dr. Schaefer’s career was in vocational and technical education at The Ohio State University (The Laboratory of Trade and Industrial Education). The Ohio State Department, The Pennsylvania State University, (College of Education) and Rutgers-The State University of New Jersey in Graduate School of Education.

The highlights of his life included his many awards in education, being the author of 8 books and numerous articles, many of which are in the archives at Rutgers University Library. He received national recognition, receiving The Ohio State Centennial Award in 1970 from the College of Education. He was recently (May 14, 2010) awarded a “Certificate of Appreciation” for his 40 years in education by the U.S. Under Secretary of Education at Alexandria, Virginia. He was active in many professional associations, serving as President and other offices.

He founded the Vocational-Technical Education Department at the Graduate School of Education at Rutgers University in 1963 and was one of three who developed the National Occupational Competency Testing Institute (NOCTI) located in Big Rapids, Michigan. He served on their board for many years. The tests are used nationally all over the United States.

Dr. Schaefer served as an officer in World War II. He was with the 94th Infantry Division in the European Theatre and received the Bronze Star with an Oak Leaf Cluster for his bravery as on FO Observer and Reconnaissance Officer. He has been mentioned in the History of the 94th Infantry Division, and also in the book, Patton’s Pawns.
Dr. Schaefer was a man whose success was measured in the accomplishments of others. Under his guidance, he saw 170 students receive their EdD’s in Vocational Education and was very grateful and proud of their accomplishments.

His interests included reading, walking, billiards, writing and volunteering. He was active in Indian Guides, Boy Scouts (he was an Eagle Scout), and served on the many committees in various positions while teaching. He also did research work and received many grants from The Office of Education. He was chosen as a Senior Fulbright Scholar in Germany in 1973. He traveled to the Soviet Union several times as an educator and had grants in various states here in the United States.

He was appointed Professor II at the Rutgers University as a Distinguished Professor. He retired from The Rutgers State University after 20 years as a Professor Emeritus.

Dr. Schaefer and his wife JoAnn believed strongly in education. Therefore, as a legacy to their grandchildren they set up a trust with their son, Craig which saw all their grandchildren through college. All the girls (4), have Master’s Degrees in Economics, Chemical Engineering, and Arts (TV and Teaching).

Surviving is his wife of 66 years of marriage, JoAnn; a son Dr. Craig J. Schaefer, a surgeon, and his wife Carol of Trappe, MD; a daughter Pamela Henderek, a Marketing Director at the University of Colorado, from Estes Park, CO; a brother Robert Louis Schaefer of Ocala, FL; seven grandchildren and five great-grandchildren Mr. and Mrs. Keith Galka (Cindy) and their sons Matt and Alex from Bel Air, MD; Mr. and Mrs. J.J. Shine (Ashley) with twin daughters Isabella and Hannah from London, England; David Schaefer of Baltimore, MD; Mr. and Mrs. Stefan Stoyanov (Kristen) of New York City; Melissa Brown of Salisbury, MD; Dr. and Mrs. Phil Wingert (Brianna) and daughter Kara Ann of Houston, TX; and Christopher Henderek of Ft. Collins, CO.

The Schaefer’s were Protestant.
A memorial service will be held at Sunset Cemetery in Columbus, Ohio at a later date. Memorial contributions may be made to your favorite charity or Hospice.

Letters of condolences, may be sent to carljschaefer@verizon.net