



Victor J. Christopher, Jr.

December 2, 1923 - February 16, 2021

Victor J. Christopher, Jr. 97, of Meadow Street, Broadalbin passed away Tuesday February 16, 2021 at St. Peter's Hospital, Albany with family at his side.

Born and raised in Broadalbin, NY, he was the oldest native in the Village, and now bequeaths this title to Alex Klymkow.

Vic was born in Broadalbin on December 2, 1923 a son of Victor and Clara Crannell Christopher and was a 1940 graduate of Broadalbin Central School. After graduation, he enrolled at Union College in Schenectady and in 1942 he enlisted in the AAC aviation cadet program. During World War II, Vic served as a weather officer, an air field tower control officer, and an airways flight control officer. He graduated from Union College in 1947 with a degree in chemistry but technically was a member of the class of 1944.

Mr. Christopher was employed at Mohawk Carpet Mills, starting as a junior chemist and retired from Mohasco thirty five years later as a manager of the testing laboratories. He was a member of AATCC (American Association of Textile Chemists and Colorists) and served as chairman of the Hudson-Mohawk section of AATCC. Vic was a member of ASTM (American Society for Testing Materials), ACS (American Chemical Society), and the technical committee of CRI (Carpet and Rug Institute). After retiring, he did consulting work for NIST (National Institute for Science and Technology).

In 1948, Vic joined other World War II veterans in forming the 139th Fighter Squadron NYANG at the Schenectady County Airport. He retired in 1964 as Lt. Col. after serving as executive officer of the 109th Air Transport Group.

Mr. Christopher later became a seasonal tax preparer, spending eighteen years with H & R Block and twenty years with Reynolds Schenectady Tax Service. He enjoyed meeting the same clients year after year.

When he was younger, Vic was active in community affairs. He served sixteen years with the Kenneyto Volunteer Fire Company, fifteen years as a member of the Broadalbin Central School Board of education, including three terms as its president, ten years as treasurer of the Broadalbin United Methodist Church, and ten years coaching Little League baseball.

Vic enjoyed playing bridge with local friends and later with many international people using the computer. He also enjoyed gardening and often spent his vacation time tending the

five hundred rose bushes in his flower garden.

He married Eileen McConnell Christopher on June 30, 1944. She died October 3, 2010. In addition to his wife and parents, he was predeceased by a daughter, Connie; and a brother, Eugene.

Survivors include three children, James (Michelle) Christopher of Dunedin, FL, Thomas (Jennifer) Christopher of Broadalbin, and Marsha (Donald) Tweedy of Clarks Summit, PA; a sister, Vivian Bush of South Glens Falls; eleven grandchildren; ten great-grandchildren; an uncle, Robert Crannell of Gloversville; three nieces; a nephew; and several cousins.

Due to the current pandemic, the family will hold services at a later date. Spring burial with military honors will be held at the Broadalbin-Mayfield Rural Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to the Glens Falls Association for the Blind or to the American Heart Association, both in care of the funeral home. Arrangements are by the Robert M. Halgas Funeral Home, Inc. 111 County Highway 106, Johnstown, NY 12095.

Cemetery Details

Broadalbin-Mayfield Rural Cemetary

Broadalbin, NY 12025

Previous Events

Calling Hours

MAY 27. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

The Italian Gardens
Meadow Street
Broadalbin, NY 12025

Funeral Service

MAY 27. 12:00 PM (ET)

The Italian Gardens
Meadow Street
Broadalbin, NY 12025

Military Graveside Service

MAY 27. 12:30 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

SM

“ Dear Tom,
So very very sorry to learn of Vic's passing. He was a very kindly gentleman. I remember when he stopped by my house to look at some of my grandmother's (Hattie) pictures. It was fun chatting with him about the family tree. I remember him stopping by Aunt Rose and Uncle Ed's for visits too. I feel very lucky having known him.

Take care and God bless.

Shelly Montgomery

Shelly Montgomery - March 31, 2021 at 04:30 PM

SG

“ Vic and Eileen were the perfect neighbors for 55 years. Vic was a gentleman , very entertaining and always " on duty". I will forever see him riding his bike and keeping us up to date on the neighborhood news. Eileen and Vic were wonderful parents and fearless. defenders of their domain. He stood his ground as an intruder made the mistake of "messing with the wrong guy" .He was in his late 80's when this incident occurred .

Rest in peace dear friend,
Susanne and Paul Guttenberg

Susanne Guttenberg - February 22, 2021 at 03:36 PM

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Christophe

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photos<https://s3.amazonaws.com/storage.lifetributes.com/Temp/93afd746-513a-4eb0-8066-6f947b07>



Elizabeth Christopher - February 22, 2021 at 02:52 PM

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Elizabeth Christopher - February 22, 2021 at 02:50 PM

ED

“ Tom and family so sorry for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all. Your Dad is a good man. He will be missed but never forgotten.
Erny and Diane

Ernest Davis - February 22, 2021 at 09:53 AM

RB

“ Tom and Jennifer,
We are so sorry for the loss of your Dad. Losing a loved one is so hard but know that he will forever live in your heart.

Robin and George Kretzler

Robin Bard-Kretzler - February 21, 2021 at 07:00 AM

CH

“ Dear Christopher Family, So sorry for your loss of your father Victor will be greatly missed by all who knew him especially the coffee crew at Stewart. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all . Sincerely, Carol Hamm



Carol Hamm - February 20, 2021 at 04:07 PM

CH

“ Dear Christopher Family, So sorry for your loss. Victor will be greatly missed by all who knew him especially the coffee crew at Stewart. Sincerely, Carol Hamm



Carol Hamm - February 20, 2021 at 03:24 PM

JH

“ Sincere condolences and sympathy are extended to the Christopher family upon the loss of Vic. Vic was a dear friend of my father, John Hrinishin, who already passed but remember Dad expressing how much he and Vic enjoyed spending time going and watching Union College football and hockey games together in their later years. Vic was well respected and will certainly be missed.

John W. Hrinishin - February 19, 2021 at 03:20 PM

NR

“ My deepest condolences to the Christopher family on the loss of Vic Christopher. The Christopher's and Broadalbin, NY played a big part in my life growing up. As kids, we loved every minute we spent in Broadalbin visiting relatives. I am so thankful I got to see Vic a couple summers ago at the Christopher Reunion. The obituary really conveys what an amazing man he was. He will be missed.
-Sincerely, Nancy Stanton Rogers

Nancy Stanton Rogers - February 18, 2021 at 12:21 PM

MB

“ Martha Baker lit a candle in memory of Victor J. Christopher, Jr.



Martha Baker - February 18, 2021 at 11:53 AM

LM

“ I have known this gentleman for at least 15 years. I have NEVER met a nicer, caring gentleman in my life. He just made my day when I got to talk with him about many subjects. I am blessed to have known him and now God has him home. Until we talk again Vic, rest and relax.
Laura-the Vampire

Laura Morehouse - February 18, 2021 at 09:27 AM

CC

“ I am so sorry to hear of your dad's death. What an amazing life! I will always remember him coming to watch the Johnstown Citizens' Band concerts in the summer and visiting with him during the intermission. He was a kind and outgoing man and I will miss talking to him about Broadalbin and the old days. Broadalbin has lost another wonderful citizen.

Carol Carpenter Carelli

Carol Carelli - February 18, 2021 at 09:24 AM

SB

“ Sincerest Condolences on the loss of your Dad. His obit is very enlightening as to what a fulfilling life he led. Personally, I knew him to be one who took great interest in his community. I have many fond memories of him coming into the Village Office or to a Village Board meeting to ask about the status of issues that were front and center on the Village's agenda. I know he will be missed by many.
Sincerely,
Sheila Bleyl

Sheila Bleyl - February 18, 2021 at 09:08 AM

NC

My condolences to the family..I met Victor while working at stewarts.I looked forward to seeing him everyday.And if I didn't it would make me worried. I'm going to miss him asking if I was there working and him bringing me stuff from his garden!

Nakesha Campbell - February 18, 2021 at 10:25 AM

JF

Well, Mr. Christopher, lived a long and rewarding life. I have fond memories of him as the Little League baseball coach of the Broadalbin Kens. On rainy days during the summer, I'd get down to the little league baseball field, behind the elementary school, and rake and shovel as best I could, to get the first base path, as it always 'flooded', somewhat dry and less muddy, so that the game for that night would not be called off. "Vic" would always show up, late in the afternoon to make the "call" as to whether the game would be canceled. Sometimes it was yes, and sometimes it was no. The bottom line is, he thoroughly enjoyed coaching Little League baseball.
Just a quick memory of
Mr. Christopher.
God Bless Vic, and his family.
Joe Flanagan

Joe Flanagan - February 18, 2021 at 12:09 PM