70-Year Fellow

John W. "Bill" Wieder Jr., who was once the oldest living CAS member, died on March 28, 2017.

He was born and raised in Abington, Pennsylvania, and graduated from Haverford College. In 1941 he started a 40-year career with Aetna Life & Casualty in Hartford, Connecticut, holding the vice president and actuary position in the casualty division when he retired in 1981.

In WWII he served in the Solomon Islands as a U.S. Army technical sergeant in munitions storage. In the '50s, he became active in the Republican Party and performed civic work, serving as Habitat for Humanity chapter treasurer and board member, and First Church of Christ administrator. He was especially gratified to help restore a historic 1761 meeting house.

Weider could identify on sight almost any antique car by year, make and model, and for many years, he enjoyed driving his 1929 Model A Ford.

He was married for 44 years to his first wife, Lois, who predeceased him. A daughter, a daughter-in-law, a sister and her husband also predeceased him. His second wife, S. Jane (Bracy) Kuhlen Wieder, died in August 2018. Other survivors include two sons; two granddaughters and their husbands; two great-grandsons; two step-sons and their spouses, children and grandchildren.