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### **Ernest Ludwig Wagner** **70, Citadel graduate, classic cars enthusiast**

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Ernest Ludwig Wagner Jr., 70, of Madison, died on Friday, Jan. 16, 2009, at University Hospital in Newark.

A loving and devoted husband and father, he was known affectionately as "Ernie" to his family, friends, and business associates.

Mr. Wagner was born in Philadelphia, Pa., and grew up in Roselle Park and Chatham. He was graduated in 1956 from Chatham High School, and from The Citadel in Charleston, S.C., in 1961.

Mr. Wagner began a lifelong career in the transportation industry with McLean Trucking Co. in Winston-Salem, N.C.

Following this, he returned to the Northeast, where he met and married the love of his life, Bunny Wagner, in 1966.

He continued his career in the trucking industry, before entering the ocean transport industry with Sea-Land Services Inc. in 1972. He later relocated to New England, where he served as regional sales manager for New England and Canada from 1982 to 1987. Mr. Wagner subsequently returned to New Jersey, where he worked for the Atlanticargo Line of Star Shipping Inc. before his retirement in 2005.

Mr. Wagner was a member of the Morristown Presbyterian Church. During his career, he was a member of the Westconn International Trade Association.

He loved old cars, working on his 1952 Jaguar, and was an active member of the Central Jersey Jag Lovers Group. He served as board member and treasurer of the Classic Car Club of America and belonged to the Buick Club of America.

His other interests included golf, salt water fishing on Nantucket and the Jersey shore, fly fishing in Maine and Vermont with friends, and refinishing furniture and antiquing with his wife.

He also served as chairman of his 50th class reunion at Chatham High School, and was a member of the Citadel Alumni Association.

Mr. Wagner is survived by his wife, Carol Ann "Bunny" Wagner, of Madison; his son, Cris, of Cambridge, Mass.; his sister, Suzanne Haley, of Myakka City, Fla.; his nephew, Louis; and two nieces, Cathy and Laura.

A memorial service for Mr. Wagner will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Feb. 7, at the Morristown Presbyterian Church, 57 Park Place, Morristown. Burial will be private.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in his memory to The Citadel Alumni Association, Holiday Alumni Center, 171 Moultrie St., Charleston, S.C. 29409-6130.