

Marine Industry mourns former CEO of Centek Industries

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Warren H. Kaye of Hershey's Mill, West Chester, Pennsylvania passed away June 23, 2017 at the age of 76.

Warren served as President and CEO of Centek Industries for over 14 years before retiring in 2007. During this time he was the driving force behind Centek's climb to become the world's largest manufacturer of wet marine exhaust products. He was well known throughout the industry for his quick wit and keen sense of humor.

He was a graduate of Conestoga High School, Denison University and The Wharton School of Business in Philadelphia. He was employed by Atlantic Richfield Company in Jacksonville, Florida, as district manager for 14 years, moved to London, England, as the director of marketing for Arco Nuclear and Medical, and was a business and marketing professor at the Philadelphia College of Textile and Science in Philadelphia. He was awarded the Professor of the Year award before moving to Georgia to run Centek.



He enjoyed the company of all people and loved and treated those that he worked with as if they were his family. Warren never disliked anyone and was a very intelligent man who had a special sense of humor that could bring a smile to anyone's face. He was the most generous and kind man that you will ever find and was loved by all but especially by his family and friends. Warren was also very involved in the Rotary Club and was awarded the Rotary Club Paul Harris Fellow award while in Thomasville. An avid golfer, Warren had numerous friendships with fellow members at Glen Arven Country Club in Georgia, Golden Eagle in Florida, and in Pennsylvania at Radley Run, St. Davids Country Club and West Chester Golf Club.

He is survived by his wife of 54 years, Mary Jane Kaye; daughters, Karen Pelton, of Chester Springs and Wendi Downey, of West Chester; four grandchildren, Kaye Pelton, Fredric Downey, Greg Pelton, Jacob Downey; and two sons-in-law, Scott Pelton and Steve Downey.