

James A. Pontieri Obituary

James A. Pontieri, an electrician with BNL's Plant Engineering Division who retired on February 26, 1993, passed away on November 11, 2015, at the age of 85. The following obituary was published in the Long Island Advance of November 26, 2015:

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James A. Pontieri, 85, of Ridge, formerly of Patchogue, died Nov. 11. Mr. Pontieri was a retired electrician at Brookhaven National Laboratory. A Korean War veteran, Mr. Pontieri served in the U.S. Air Force under the rank of A/2C from Jan. 6, 1951 to Nov. 30, 1953. He was also former captain of the Patchogue Fire Department Euclid Hose Co. and a member of the Euclid Hose Co. Sewing Circle Racing Team.

He is survived by his wife, Ruth E. Pontieri; his daughter, Suzanne and husband, Gary Walsh; his sons, Stephen Pontieri and wife, Jeanmarie, and James Pontieri and wife, Elizabeth; his sister, Elizabeth Julian; his grandchildren, Jacquelynne, Julianne and Joanne Walsh, and Tyler, Andrew, Julianna, Kyle, and Christopher Pontieri and wife, Danielle; and his great-grandchildren, Fernanda and Jameson Pontieri.

Funeral arrangements were entrusted to Robertaccio Funeral Home, Patchogue, and interment took place in Calverton National Cemetery.

During his years at BNL, James was also an enthusiastic participant in BERA sports, particularly basketball and bowling, both as a member of the "The Old-Timers" teams. The photo below appeared in a report in the May 1, 1962, issue of The Bulletin Board about the "Bowling Ball," a season's-end party where, "As usual the ingenious table decorations were out of this world. . . . The first prize went unquestionably to the Hawaiian Old Timers who arrived with their own palm tree, waiter, hula dancer complete with grass skirt, and a 25 lb. roast suckling pig."

