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On Friday, Feb.22, 2013, Philip Aylett Hoge, age 77, died peacefully at home. Beloved husband of Patricia Patten Hoge, he was the son of William Aylett Hoge and Susan Cooke Hoge. Born in New York City, NY, he was raised in Westmoreland County, Virginia. Proud of his Northern Neck, Virginia roots, he and his family still continue to enjoy weekends and vacations at his boyhood home, Ferry Hill.

His love of the Chesapeake Bay began at an early age in the Northern Neck, as he worked as a 'waterman' at age 5, catching and selling soft crabs. For his fifth birthday, his parents gave him his first sailboat. His love of sailing continued all of his life, and he sailed regularly from age 5 to 65. An active member of many antique and classic car clubs, he bought, sold and collected cars his entire adult life. Proud of his military service, Philip served eight years in the US Naval Reserves, starting in high school.

An alumnus of Washington and Lee High School, Virginia Episcopal School and Hampden-Sydney College in Virginia, he came to Delaware in 1957. Discovering he was a good salesman, he started out selling automobiles and then in 1964 joined the Carroll W. Griffith Real Estate Company, which he eventually purchased. At the time of his passing, he was Vice President and Partner at Patterson-Woods Commercial Properties. A well-known and respected real estate broker, he served as President of both the New Castle County and Delaware Associations of Realtors. Former President of the University and Whist Club, he was an active member of the Wilmington [Rotary Club](#), the Friday Club, Committee of 100, CIRC, and the Piedmont Club. A member of Trinity Episcopal Parish, he served for ten years as the President of the Old Swedes Foundation.

He loved exploring the world and interacting with people and considered himself fortunate to have visited most of the continents around the earth. Philip was proud of the fact that he had been able to accomplish and experience just about everything he ever wanted to do. A lifelong optimist, he could always see the positive in any situation or person.

He is survived by his wife, Patricia, his two daughters, Elizabeth Hoge Lipford (Michael) and Joan Hoge-North (David) and his two stepchildren, Amy Seward Quinn (Theodor) and William Ross Seward (Mary Kay), and ten grandchildren. He is also survived by his sister, Susan Hoge Ripol (George), his niece and nephew, and numerous cousins, who have remained close throughout the years.

A Memorial Service will be held at Trinity Church, 1108 N. Adams St, Wilmington, DE 19801, on Saturday, March 16, 2013 at 1:30pm. A Celebration of his Life will be held at the family home in VA on Saturday, April 13, 2013 at 2pm. In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorial gifts to the Old Swede's Foundation, 606 Church St., Wilmington, DE 19801 or Westmoreland County Museum, P.O.Box 247, Montross, VA 22520.