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Funeral services are pending at Mealy's Funeral Home in Eagle. For more information, call 594-2442.

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John E. Bender, 66, of Waukesha, died Monday, June 20, 2005. He was born July 2, 1938, in Chicago, a son of the late John Richard and Loretta (nee Holt-house) Bender.

John attended DeVry Institute of Technology in Chicago, the University of Illinois and also the Illinois Institute of Technology. On Sept. 17, 1960, he married Linda H. Wayner at the University of Chicago Unitarian Church. John worked for Allied Radio before working for Dale Chevrolet, Lynch Chevrolet, Foster Pontiac and later Slocum Pontiac. He was a member of Chevrolet's Legion of Leaders, the Society of Sales Executives and was awarded the Pontiac's Master Sales Guild.

A loyal Cubs fan, he enjoyed boating, was a train enthusiast, and one of the original audiophiles, cherishing rare jazz recordings. He enjoyed and successfully restored many authentic vintage automobiles. Of all his interests, he treasured his family first and foremost.

He is survived by his wife, Linda Bender of Waukesha; his son, John Robert (Kathryn) Bender of Waterford; his daughter, Judith (William) Bye of Mukwonago; and his granddaughter, Rebecca Bender of Waterford. He is also survived by brothers-in-law James and Thomas Wayner, to whom he was a role model and mentor, along with other relatives and beloved friends. He encouraged all to "do the right thing."

The funeral service celebrating John's life will be held at 10:30 a.m. Saturday June 25, at Mealy's Funeral Home, 103 Eagle St., Eagle. Friends may call from 9 a.m. until the time of the service on Saturday. Burial will be in Oakridge Cemetery in Eagle.

For more information, please call Mealy's Funeral Home at 594-2442.

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