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Obituary

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ITHACA – Philip Charles Tavelli, of 817 Triphammer Road, Ithaca NY was born on October 12, 1943 in Bainbridge NY, died at home June 7, 2005 having lived with pancreatic cancer for 17 months. Phil was predeceased by his father, Rudolph Tavelli in 1996; and his mother, Florence Barton Tavelli in 1989. He is survived by his wife of 30 years, Hollands (Holly) Ranger Tavelli; son, Jason Ranger Tavelli, Philadelphia PA; and daughter, Sarah Hollands Tavelli, Ithaca; one brother, Paul N. Tavelli (Connie); nephew, Mathew Tavelli; niece, Tara Tavelli (Stefan Brownell); and great-nephew Jake Tavelli Brownell, Ithaca; one sister, Nancy Tavelli (Keith Farrington); and two nieces, Jane and Katharine Farrington, Walla Walla WA. Phil also leaves behind many close friends and colleagues, for whose friendship and support, particularly at the end of his life, he was enormously grateful. Phil grew up in Ithaca, graduating from Ithaca High School in 1961. He attended Cornell University before entering the armed forces in 1963, serving in the US Army Military Police in Alexandria, VA, for two years. Phil then worked locally at Morse Chain and at NYSEG before entering Ithaca College in 1966. Upon graduation in 1970 with a BS in Business Administration, Phil began his 35 year association with Ithaca College. He continued professionally with positions in Admission and Development, until his retirement in 2001 after which he remained a loyal and active alumnus advancing the interests of the College. In 2004, Phil's special devotion to the Crew program was recognized by the naming of the shell, Phil Tavelli '70, which won the women's NCAA Division III National Championship in 2004 and 2005. Phil wore his championship ring with great pride. In 2005, Phil received a special citation for lifetime service from the Ithaca Alumni Association. Phil devoted his life to

family, Ithaca College and the Ithaca community. He shared his love of Ithaca by giving tours of the area to visitors as well as serving on many volunteer boards, most recently the History Center, First Congregational Church, Pleasant Grove Cemetery, and as a trustee of the Village of Cayuga Heights. Phil enjoyed his home, gardening, hiking, antiques and touring historical sites, especially in the Finger Lakes.

A remembrance gathering will take place at the First Congregational Church, 309 Highland Road, Ithaca NY, on Saturday, June 11, at 11 a.m. In lieu of flowers, friends are asked to consider a memorial gift to Ithaca College for the new athletics and events center, Alumni Hall, 953 Danby Road, Ithaca, NY 14850, or the First Congregational Church, or the Sidney Kimmell Cancer Center at Johns Hopkins Medical Institute, Suite 110, 401 North Broadway, Baltimore, MD 21231, or Hospicare and Palliative Care Services of Ithaca.