



The AMA History Project Presents: Biography of WALTER (WALT) W. CADDELL



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The following information is derived from Walt Caddell's Model Aviation Hall of Fame application and a Chicago Tribune News obituary from 1993. Walt passed away on May 8, 1993 and was inducted into the Model Aviation Hall of Fame posthumously in 1985.

- Walt served as a retailer for twenty-two years and the Executive Director of the Hobby Industry of America/Hobby Industry Association of America (HIA/HIAA) for seventeen years.
 - He operated modeling shops in the Chicago area and ran the hobby shop at the Glenview Naval Air Station during Nats competitions.
 - In 1945, Walt started a modeling club in the northern Chicago area, and worked on retaining their flying site.
 - Walt was a Four-Star Admiral in the Flying 8-Ball Club and received HIA's Meritorious Award of Honor and Craft Division Good Egg Award.
 - John Worth, former AMA President, stated in correspondence for the Model Aviation Hall of Fame application, dated February 7, 1985; "The nomination of Walt Caddell is one I heartily endorse. It is significant because it does [sic] have any single or special accomplishments to highlight, except: Walt's contribution to model aviation history is that he was the everyday contact and liaison between AMA and the model industry, for almost twenty years – during the 60s and 70s. He & I worked together all that time to bring AMA up from near bankruptcy to the foremost position we now have. His guidance to me, his help, his coordination with industry sponsors paved the way for me to direct AMA on its path to recovery."
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