

LIFELINES

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Cheng-Kung Liu, see *JALCA* **105**, 1, 2010

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OBITUARY

DAVID C. ACKERBAUER

David C. Ackerbauer, 69, of 1 1/2 Matthew St., Johnstown, N.Y., passed away suddenly on April 15 with his family at his side at Nathan Littauer Hospital. He was born in Gloversville, N.Y., the son of Carl F. and Evelyn J. Timmerman Ackerbauer. He was a 1960 graduate of Johnstown High School and a graduate of Morrisville Ag and Tech College. He attended the Missouri School of Mines. Mr. Ackerbauer succeeded his father as the owner and operator of Ackerbauer Laboratories from 1968 until the present. He was a member of The American Leather Chemists Association since 1974, a member of the Specification Review Committee from 1982 to 2002, and a member of the Committee on Methods and Specification Review from 2002 to 2003. Over the years his company supported the ALCA with advertising in its annual membership directory.

He was a member of the Johnstown Water Board for many years, and was a past member of the Gloversville-Johnstown Joint Sewer Board. He also was a member of the Fulton County Regional Chamber of Commerce & Industry, the Shelby American Automobile Club and NRA. Many will miss David's well-known enthusiasm and knowledge of the automobile, the love of his children and his faithfulness to the "Daily Breakfast Club." Memorial contributions may be made to the American Diabetes Assoc., P.O. 31160, Hartford, Conn. 06150-1160 or the James Brennan Humane Society.



PEABODY LEATHERWORKERS MUSEUM — CAN YOU HELP???

The Peabody Leatherworkers Museum opened in July 2009 and is located on Washington Street in Peabody, Massachusetts.

The museum is designed to tell the story concerning the 300 year history of tanning that at one time made Peabody the leather capital of the USA. Over 80 tanneries operated in the city at its peak but this has now been reduced to where only one tannery is left.

Several items and photographs have already been donated to the museum. However, it is hoped that more artifacts could be found and donated that would help to make the museum of even greater interest especially to young people who may have no idea about this unique history.

If you have any photos, documents or artifacts that you could donate and think would be appropriate, please contact the museum curator Merritt Kirkpatrick at MerrittKirkpatrick@gmail.com.
