In Memoriam

A

ES fellow

H. Peter

Meisinger
died of lung can-
er at the age of 77
on June 16 at his
home in Vienna,
VA. He was presi-
dent of Versitron
Inc., a communi-
cations electronics firm from 1958 until
his retirement in the mid 80s.

Meisinger together with three partners
started the company, which did work in
fiber optics and defense communications. In 1954, he cofounded the Labora-
tory of Electronic Engineering, Inc.
(LEE), a manufacturer of high-fidelity
loudspeakers and a variety of electronic
products. During his long career he
designed medical equipment, phonog-
raphs, radio transmitters, broadcast
control equipment and other devices,
and was the author of technical papers.

Born in New York and raised in
Washington, D.C., Meisinger was a ra-
dio ham at the age of 15 and later ob-
tained a 1st class radio license. After
graduating from high school he joined
the Marine Corps and served as a Marine
radio officer during World War II and
the Korean conflict.

He was a graduate of the Capitol Ra-
dio Engineering Institute, after which he
began his career as an engineer at radio
station WINX. He later worked as a
recording specialist at the Library of
Congress, an instructor at Columbia
Technical Institute, and chief engineer of
the U.S. Recording Co., where he was in
charge of broadcast audio equipment de-
sign, studio operation, and remote
recording. In 1958 he founded Versitron.

Meisinger received the Washington
IEEE Distinguished Service Award and
ASA Silver Certificate. A former chair-
man of the Washington Audio Society,
he was chairman of the DC Section of
the AES, a member of the Institute of
Electrical and Electronics Engineers,
the IEEE, and president of the Indepen-
dent Telephone Pioneers Association.
He was a registered professional engi-
neer in the District of Columbia.

Meisinger is survived by his wife,
Susan; two sons and a daughter.