



## Marvin Lee Freeman

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Marvin Lee Freeman, 95, passed away peacefully at home on January 18, 2018. Marvin was the youngest of six children, born in Brooklyn to parents Sadie and Wolf Friedman on February 20, 1922. He married his sweet-sixteen date and love of his life, Miriam Rose, in 1943, shortly before he went off to serve overseas; as a soldier, he earned a Bronze Star Medal for active combat in support of the Fighting 69th Division's defensive hold at Siegfried Line in February 1945. He later graduated from Purdue University with a degree in engineering, and went on to spend his career designing submarines at Electric Boat. He spent much of his life between New London, CT and West Palm Beach, FL, with his last decade in Bloomfield, near family. Marvin was a man of many hobbies and interests, who truly enjoyed his retirement to its fullest. He was passionate about current events, and passed his time working on his computer, traveling, listening to big band music, keeping up with the latest technologies, building model airplanes, enjoying home-cooked meals, and fixing things around the house. After he lost his eyesight to macular degeneration, he bravely spent countless hours figuring out how to best adapt to his situation and listening to endless books on tape. He was a regular at the gym every morning, where he walked laps on the track up until the last month of his life. Marvin was the doting husband for 69 years of the late Miriam Freeman; the hard-working and strong-willed father of Marjorie L. and Burt Seiferheld, and the late Andrew J. Freeman; the prideful grandpa of Stacy and Kelvin Schleif; the immensely adored great-grandpa of Aliza, Levi, and Miranda; and the dear uncle of Adrienne and Jeff Berkman, and Mitchell and Mingwha Brodsky. The family wants to thank his team of providers, who helped keep him company and ease his way in a difficult last few months, allowing him to continue living in comfort at home. Contributions in his memory may be sent to the Mandell JCC of Greater Hartford, or by planting a tree in his name through the Jewish National Fund. The family will be remembering and celebrating his life on Monday at 30 Braintree Drive in West Hartford between 5-8PM.