



Frank Thomas Sprogell

April 24, 1917 - October 5, 2011

Frank Thomas Sprogell, 94, beloved husband of Janice Brennan Sprogell, devoted father of Katherine Elovich and her husband Steve of West Hartford, Sarah Sprogell of Freeport ME, and Mary Kenslea of Needham MA, died October 5, 2011 at St. Mary Home, West Hartford. He had resided at the McAuley with his wife since 2006, and prior to that on Linwold Drive, West Hartford since 1963. Born in Philadelphia, on April 24, 1917 to Frank Thomas and Helen Donnelly Sprogell, Frank attended the University of Michigan. Upon graduating, Frank was one of only five engineers hired by the aircraft industry during 1939, just before the outbreak of WW II. After 42 years of service to Pratt & Whitney Aircraft division of United Technologies, he retired in 1981 as Vice President of Product Support. In earlier years, he created the architectural plans and the landscape design for the family's first home on Grant Hill Road in Bloomfield. As a young man, Frank enjoyed taking the ski train to Mt. Killington, sharing ownership of a motorcycle, and building a sailboat inside a summer cottage that he and his bachelor friends rented on Lake Terramuggus, CT. The son of a professional golfer who was a founder of the Professional Golf Association, Frank began swinging a club at the age of four and became an excellent golfer with a handicap of five. He joined Wampanoag Country Club in 1959, and was named an honorary lifetime member in 2010. He was a former member of the Canoe Club. In addition to his wife and three daughters, Frank leaves four loving grandchildren, Agostino Petrillo of Northampton MA, Dominic Petrillo of Freeport ME, Sarah Elovich of

San Francisco, and Charles Kenslea of Needham MA, as well as five beautiful great grandchildren. He is also survived by a niece, Mary Ann McKeiver of Grand Rapids MI, and a nephew Joseph Rademaker of Chicago. He was predeceased by his sister Dorothy and his brother Donald. A memorial service will be held on Saturday December 17, 2011 at The McAuley, 275 Steele Rd., Building A, West Hartford. Charitable donations may be made to Food Share w www.foodshare.org

Tribute Wall



“ *Mary, Jan and Family,*
What a creatively gifted man your Dad , Frank was. It is no surprise to those of us in the Kenslea family who have seen and experienced many of those same character traits and gifts in you Mary, his loving daughter. I recall fond memories of his welcoming smile and calm, loving kindness whenever we gathered together to celebrate family holidays. He was a loving father, husband and grandfather who will be greatly missed in the years to come. The fact that he lived such a full life blessed with all of you not far from his reach and close to his heart is what defines a life well lived. Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you at this holiday season and in the days to come.
Love,
Jane, Tom, Patrick, Anne, and Tim Kenslea###imported-begin###Jane Kenslea###imported-end###

December 15, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ *Mary,*

I see your smile in your father's photo. I feel there are so many stories to be told just from the several fascinating facts about your father in the obituary. In fact, I imagine if your father was telling these stories, whether about his company, motorcycle, sail boat building or his father's golfing, he would have a twinkle in his eye doing so! Blessed are your memories, and your entire family's, and may the warmth of such a rich life together bring contentment and not pain as you, your Mom, and the rest of the family live forward.
Love, Lauren###imported-begin###Lauren Turner###imported-end###

December 08, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ *I am so sorry to hear about the loss of your Dad. May your memories always keep him in your heart and close to you all.
Love, Kathy Hopkins Berube##imported-begin##Kathy Hopkins
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October 16, 2011 at 12:00 AM