



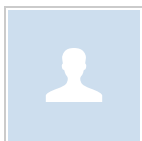
Gerard T. Wholey

October 15, 1923 - September 21, 2011

Gerard T. Wholey, beloved husband of the late Leah M. Oakley Wholey, died Wednesday morning, September 21, at John Dempsey Hospital in Farmington. Born in Brooklyn, NY, on October 15, 1923, he was the son of Arthur L. and Nina E. Shultas Wholey. Gerry grew up in New Britain and graduated from New Britain High School. Upon graduating, he enrolled at Niagara University, but his studies there were interrupted by military service in World War II. During the war, Gerry served in the U.S. Army Air Corps in Iceland, Scotland, and Atlantic City, New Jersey, attaining the rank of Sergeant. After the war, he returned to Niagara and graduated with a degree in economics. He then briefly worked as an agent for the John Hancock Life Insurance Company before beginning a long and satisfying career with the Connecticut State Insurance Department. He retired from state service in 1981 as Director of Licenses and Claims. In his time with the Department, Gerry became one of the nation's leading figures in insurance regulation. He took special pleasure and pride in working with the state legislature, where he was an invaluable help in advising legislators on insurance matters and drafting important new laws for the legislature's consideration. He was also responsible for establishing the Real Estate Division of the Insurance Department as a new department of state government. In addition to all this, Gerry served as an auxiliary state trooper for several years and for twenty years as an adjunct instructor in real estate principles and practices for the University of Connecticut. As a teacher, Gerry helped thousands of students

around the state attain their real estate licenses. Many of his students maintained that Gerry was the best teacher they ever had. In his work, Gerry was close to many people of power and influence in business and politics, but he was just plain "Gerry" to all in life, including his buddies in the Maintenance Department at the State Office Building where he worked. His friendships among those fellows were special to him. Surviving Gerry are his five children Maryellen K. Wholey Halibozek and her husband Stanley of West Hartford, Brien J. Wholey and his wife Julia of Canton, Timothy G. Wholey of Boston, Kevin A. Wholey and his wife Joanne of Bloomfield, and Neal T. Wholey and his wife Karen of Colchester. He is also survived by his three grandchildren: Mark Halibozek, Nina Wholey and Eryn Wholey. Besides his wife, Gerry was predeceased by his brother Arthur. Funeral services will be Saturday beginning with visitation from 8:30 am to 9:30 am at the Church of St. Peter Claver 47 Pleasant St. West Hartford, followed by a Mass of Christian Burial at 10:00 am in the church. Burial will follow in Fairview Cemetery, West Hartford. Online expressions of sympathy may be made at www.molloyfuneralhome.com

Tribute Wall



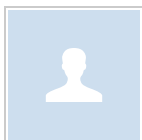
“ My sympathies to all of the Wholeys. Uncle Jerry and Aunt Leah were wonderful people and I'm honored to call them family.##imported-begin##Samantha Drury Dowling##imported-end##

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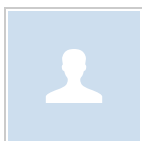
Shot in the dark: my mother was brother to a Gerald Wholey. My name is Susan Hood Hlmmaugh. My sister is Deborah Hood Goudeau. Could this obit be for my uncle? My mother was Gloria Anne Wholey born in New York. Had one brother. Any info you. An share to help me find my family would be helpful. No I haven't done Ancestry but will. Thank you.

Susan Hood Hlmmaugh - August 14, 2023 at 09:24 AM



“ Our deepest sympathies go out to the family at this time. As brothers in the insurance business, we knew Gerry through the insurance industry. Through social times Si and his wife and Gerry and his wife often got together for dinner. We will miss him very much.##imported-begin##Si and Jay Jaffee##imported-end##

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“ Dearest Wholey Family,
I'm sorry I was unable to attend the funeral. My thoughts are very much with all of you and know your dad and mom are now together. All my love. Shelley##imported-begin##Shelley Kamins##imported-end##

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“ *To the Wholey Family.
Mr. Wholey was my instructor when I took my real estate course in 1978. He was a wonderful teacher filled with wonderful and funny stories. My condolences to your family.##imported-begin##Rosemary Gunning##imported-end##*

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“ *To the Wholey Family: My deepest sympathy and empathy on Jerry's passing. Surely he transitted triumphantly to his new phase of existence.##imported-begin##John Herbst##imported-end##*

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“ *Terrific American story, one we should all aspire to. I know he is with your mom, God Bless them.##imported-begin##John Lanigan##imported-end##*

September 22, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ *Dear Tim,*

My sympathy is with you and your family for the passing of your father.

Sincerely,

John##imported-begin##John Tirone##imported-end##

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“ *Dear Neal and family,
Although I didn't know your dad that well, I know you loved him and
will miss him. Very sorry about your loss. Thinking of
you##imported-begin##Frank Jeney##imported-end##*

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