



Harold J. Roche

June 29, 2008

Harold J. Roche, 84, beloved husband of Regina Hodge Roche, of West Hartford, died Sunday, June 29, 2008, at his home with his family by his side. Born in Hartford, son of the late John L. and Viola Shea Roche, he made his home in West Hartford for the past 36 years. Harold graduated from Hartford Public High School in 1942 and received a bachelor's degree in business from Providence College Class of 1950. He served in the US Army Air Force as an aerial gunner on a B-24 bomber with the 8th Air Force in the European Theater of Operations. He worked for The Hartford Insurance as a Claims Executive, retiring in 1985. After retirement he continued working for the Hartford as a consultant until his early 80's. Along with his son Jim, he volunteered at Trinity College, hosting a weekly Jazz Radio Show on WRTC, "Drive Time, Jive Time", and enjoyed traveling across the United States with his wife. Harold was a lifelong faithful catholic that enjoyed his religious retreat weekends with his brother John and his son Greg. Besides his wife of 57 years, he is survived by his four children and their spouses, James H. Roche and his wife Joanne of West Hartford, Jaclyn E. Eden and her husband Jeffrey of West Hartford, Gregory J. Roche and his wife Mary of West Hartford, Maureen Bednarz and her husband Joel of West Hartford; seven grandchildren, Sean Roche, Michael, Matthew and James Eden, Cara, Kirsten and Liberty Bednarz; his brother and sister, Barbara "Sis" Roche of Hartford, Kenneth Roche and his wife Mary of Old Saybrook; and many nieces and nephews. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Wednesday at 11

a.m. at the Church of St. Helena, Echo Lane, West Hartford. Burial will follow in Fairview Cemetery, West Hartford. Donations in his memory may be made to Providence College Alumni Fund, c/o Office of Institutional Advancement, 549 River Rd, Providence, RI 02918-0001. Online expressions of sympathy may be made at www.molloyfuneralhome.com

Tribute Wall



“ Dear Dad, I miss you so much. You have always been an inspiration to me and my hero. I know how proud you were of all of us and we will continue to do good things in life to make you proud. You provided us the best foundation a family could ask for. I love you so very much.##imported-begin##Maureen Bednarz##imported-end##

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“ Goodbye Hal, I worked many years with you at Allstate Ins. starting in Bishops Corner and later at the Regional office in Farmington. Nothing but good memories of you.##imported-begin##Bill Dailey##imported-end##

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“ "BigDaddy" we sure are going to MISS YOU! You were the Greatest! Everyone could always count on you... both family and friends. Your last year was a real tough one but you will be rewarded! Thanks for all the great years and memories you gave us all. I'll play a 'big band' song for you. your son, "BigJim".##imported-begin##'BigJim', your son##imported-end##

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