



## Jacob A. van der Werff

May 3, 1929 - April 13, 2006

van der WERFF, Jacob A. M.D. Jacob A. van der Werff, M.D. 76, died peacefully after a long illness on Thursday, April 13, 2006 in Lebanon, NH. He leaves his beloved wife of 48 years, Anne Gilmartin van der Werff. Dr. van der Werff was born on May 3, 1929, in Soerabaja, Indonesia, which at the time was a Dutch colony. He survived four years in a Japanese concentration camp during World War II. In 1946 he returned to war torn Europe. There he resumed his studies and eventually graduated from Leiden University Medical School. He emigrated to the United States through Ellis Island in 1954. He interned in Charlotte, NC and did his residency at the Institute of Living in Hartford. He married Anne Gilmartin in 1957 and raised his family in Hartford and West Hartford over the next 40 years. He practiced psychiatry at St. Francis Hospital, in private practice in West Hartford and Vernon, and at the Correctional Institution at Somers. Dr. van der Werff enjoyed restoring and preserving his gracious residences in the west end of Hartford. He and his wife were active in the West End Civic Association and the Hartford Architectural Conservancy. He traveled the world and spoke five languages. He collected and studied oriental art and Persian rugs. He was a humanitarian and a member of Amnesty International and the ACLU. He came into his own after retirement as a loving and doting grandfather. Besides his wife he is survived by his sons, Andreas L. van der Werff of Ocean City, MD, Jan P. van der Werff and his wife, Susan of Bloomfield, and Nicholas van der Werff and his wife, Brenda of Wilmot, NH. He was predeceased by his daughter, Maria

Pirie. He also leaves his sister, Marijke Immink of Baltimore, MD; and his brother, Joop van der Werff of Australia. He is also survived by seven grandchildren, Jennifer Reese, William Montanolo, Ian van der Werff, Rose van der Werff, Ethan Pirie, Graham Pirie and Jacob van der Werff. His family invites you to celebrate his life in memorial celebration on Saturday, May 6, between 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. at the Molloy Funeral Home, 906 Farmington Avenue, West Hartford. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Alzheimer's Association, 96 Oak Street, Hartford, CT 06002.