



James W. Turley

May 23, 1917 - November 12, 2011

James Williams Turley of West Hartford died peacefully on November 12, 2011 with his loving family by his side. Jim was born in Hartford on May 23, 1917 the son of John and Mary Ellen Williams Turley and resided in West Hartford for over 50 years, most recently at The McAuley. As a member of the 'Greatest Generation,' he was a veteran of WWII serving in the European Theater with the Fifth Armored Division in France, Germany and Holland. He was a recipient of The Bronze Star. Following the war, he attended the University of Connecticut briefly before embarking on a career in the insurance industry, retiring after twenty five years with the Shelby Mutual Insurance Company. On September 28, 1946, he married the former Helen Griffith and they shared nearly sixty years together before her passing in 2006. He was a communicant of St. Mark the Evangelist Church where he served as a lector. He was a former Justice of the Peace for the State of Connecticut, a member of the Men's Golf League at Rockledge Golf Club where he played into his nineties. He also was a member of the West Hartford Regents. Jim enjoyed traveling with Helen throughout the United States and Europe. Most especially, he loved times spent with family at the cottage in Old Lyme. In addition to his beloved wife Helen, he was predeceased by his brother John and sisters Mary and Catherine. He is survived by four devoted daughters and his sons-in-law; Maryellen and Julian Coles of Cape Elizabeth, ME; Barbara Turley of Avon; Joan and Jay Hershman of Holden MA; Kathleen and Thomas Landrigan of Trumbull; his brother Nicholas Turley of Bristol; six

grandchildren, Megan Zug of Boston, Courtney Evans of Bath, England, Brett Hershman of New York City, Dana Hershman of Holden, Shauna and Ally Landrigan of Trumbull. He is also survived by three great grandchildren: Gavin Zug, J. Garrett Zug and Eleanor Evans, and many nieces and nephews. The family would like to thank the special individuals from St. Mary Home for their compassionate care of James. Visiting hours are Tuesday, November 15 from 4-7pm at the Molloy Funeral Home, 906 Farmington Ave. West Hartford. The funeral will be Wednesday, November 16 at 9:15 a.m. from the funeral home with a Mass of Christian Burial at 10 a.m. at St. Mark the Evangelist Church, 467 South Quaker Lane in West Hartford. Burial will follow in Fairview Cemetery, West Hartford. Donations in his memory may be made to the McLean Hospice, 75 Great Pond Rd., Simsbury, CT 06070 or to the charity of your choice.

Tribute Wall



“ Barbara and family. My condolences to you on the loss of your father. May your fond memories of him comfort you at this time.##imported-begin##RobertEHylland ##imported-end##

November 17, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ Mary Ellen, Barbara, Joan, and Kathy
I was so sorry to hear the news of your father's passing. There are so many memories of wonderful times spent with him especially at the beach and during the holidays. Uncle Gene was a kind and patient man dedicated to his family, and I always enjoyed visiting with him. My prayers are with you.##imported-begin##Mary Beth Pokusa##imported-end##

November 15, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ MaryEllen, Barbara, Joan and Kathy,
I am so sorry for the loss of your Dad. I have so many great memories of Uncle Gene taking all of us fishing, and am amazed at the patience he had! Going to visit your home at Christmas was such a part of my childhood, and your Dad always made us feel special and welcome. Your Dad has earned a special place in heaven.##imported-begin##Ellen Coughlin##imported-end##

November 15, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ I am so sorry to hear of the passing of Uncle Gene. I have many fond memories. My thoughts and prayers are with all of the family.##imported-begin##Colleen DeTurk##imported-end##

November 13, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Mary ellen, Barbara, Joan and Kathleen,

My sincere sympathy to you on the loss of your father, a great Dad and wonderful person. I know you will miss him, as I will. take confort, knowing he is in eternal happiness with your mother. You are in my thoughts and prayers.##imported-begin##Eileen McClure##imported-end##

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