



## Neil Robert Sakow

August 19, 2014

Neil Robert Sakow, 69, of West Hartford, died Tuesday, August 19, 2014, at St. Francis Hospital. Born in Bronx, NY, the son of the late Leon and Ruth (Dashew) Sakow, served in the US Army and made his home in West Hartford since 1954. "Neil the Real Deal" was a collector, owner, and curator, of Neil's American Dream Museum which opened to the public in West Hartford in 1988. The museum featured entertainment, political, and sports memorabilia from the Truman, Eisenhower and Kennedy administrations. Mickey Mantle, Howdy Doodo and President John F. Kennedy were the focus of the collection. His museum had the most extensive Mickey Mantle collection anywhere. Sakow authored, "The Most Mickeys on My Mantle." He spent years entertaining the elderly in nursing homes and hospitals and was well known for his shows produced by West Hartford Community Television. Sakow is survived by his brother, Barry Sakow and his wife Pamela of Austin, TX; nieces and nephew, Blake & Chris Glancy, Barrett Campbell & Tim Zalinger, Hayden Sakow, Brynsley & Enrique Silva-Cano; and a great nephew, Hunter Glancy. A graveside service will be held Thursday, August 28 at 10:00 a.m. in Hartford Mutual Society Cemetery, 15 Wolcott Rd., East Granby (adjacent to Simsbury Airport). A kid at heart, Neil anonymously donated toys to children at the holidays. Following his lead his family requests donations be made in memory of Neil to: Connecticut Children's Medical Center Foundation, 282 Washington Street Hartford Connecticut 06106 or online at [www.connecticutchildrensfoundation.org/give](http://www.connecticutchildrensfoundation.org/give). Your donation will purchase toys

for children's therapy. Online expressions of sympathy may be made at [www.molloyfuneralhome.com](http://www.molloyfuneralhome.com)

# Previous Events

## Graveside Service

AUG **28**. 10:00 AM (ET)

Hartford Mutual Society Cemetery  
Wolcott Rd  
East Granby, CT

# Tribute Wall

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“ *Barry & Family, our condolences to the Sakow family. My brother and I first met Neil at the Whitman School, Remember our football games at Loomis Drive? We played Little League with Neil on the Retail trade team, went to Sedgwick Jr. High and then Hall High. We liked to reminisce and talk Yankee baseball when we saw each other occasionally thru the years. He was a character and a legend in his own mind. He was a "Leader" in more ways than one and enjoyed life. Bill & Bob. Hunter ( the Hunter twins ) Hunterrealestate@hotmail.com West Hartford & Southington*

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**Bill Hunter & Bob Hunter** - September 17, 2014 at 07:01 PM



“ *Neil The Real Deal always made me laugh and smile. I feel lucky to have been his friend and will miss him dearly. Sending my condolences to his family and loved ones. I am sure he is now making the angels laugh with his terrifically corny & hilarious one-liners.*



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**Marsha Karp** - August 23, 2014 at 09:01 AM

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“ i will always remember seeing neil at card shows and his excitement when he found a mickey mantle card,he was the "real deal".his knowledge in so many different areas was second to none,he enjoyed talking to people about their interests and collections as much as his own.he will be missed

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**barbara gitchell** - August 22, 2014 at 10:48 PM



“ Neil was the Real Deal. The Host with the Most. The Cover Story with all the Glory. So Outrageous, I'm Contagious... his charm and infectious humor lightened our burdens, inspired our hopes and connected our entire community. He was always bigger than the room he was in. A true entertainer with a big heart. I miss him already.

*Jennifer Evans*  
*West Hartford Community Television*



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**Jennifer Evans** - August 22, 2014 at 05:43 PM

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“ Neil was a self-proclaimed "One of a Kind". His "Kind" will be sorely missed. I extend my condolences to his family.  
Goodbye old friend.  
"Uncle David"

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**David Musco** - August 21, 2014 at 01:14 PM