



Robert A. Grudzien

August 15, 1936 - October 29, 2006

GRUDZIEN, Robert A.

Robert A. Grudzien, 70, of West Hartford, the husband of Virginia Burnes Grudzien, died suddenly Sunday, October 29, 2006 at John Dempsey Hospital. Born in Gowanda, NY, the son of the late Walter and Mary Burek Grudzien, and he had made his home in West Hartford for the past 35 years. He was a 1958 graduate of the University of Buffalo, where he earned a degree in business administration and met his beloved wife, Virginia. He was also an outstanding athlete on the basketball and track teams and volunteered for military service, spending four years in the army stationed out west. He later became a manager for Aetna Life and Casualty, moving from Buffalo to Utica and Syracuse, before joining the home office in Hartford as an officer of the company. After retiring from the insurance business he became a realtor for Remax. Bob's greatest joy was time spent with Virginia, his beloved wife of 45 years, and his two children and grandchild. He was a wonderful husband, father and grandfather as well as a good and faithful friend to many. Bob was an avid outdoorsman, who enjoyed fishing, hunting, golf and tending to his gardens. He served his community as a former chairman of the Boulevard Neighborhood Association and was a member of the Architectural Preservation Committee for the Town of West Hartford. He is survived by his wife Virginia, his son Mark A. Grudzien, his daughter and her husband Valerie and Kevin Brew, and his grandson Cody Robert Brew, all of West Hartford. He is also survived by his two brothers; Chester Grudzien and his wife Shirley of

Gowanda, NY, and Edward Grudzien of St. Cloud, FL; his sister and brother-in-law April and Alex Kopecky of Buffalo; his sister-in-law Deanna Solokowski of Cape Cod; and several nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his infant daughter Jennifer. Friends are invited to join the Grudzien family at the celebration of his funeral Mass of Christian Burial on Thursday, Nov. 2nd at 10:00 a.m. in St. Thomas the Apostle Church, 872 Farmington Ave., West Hartford. Disposition of his ashes will be private at a later date. Calling hours are Wednesday Nov. 1st from 4-7 p.m. at the Molloy Funeral Home, 906 Farmington Ave., West Hartford. Donations in his memory may be made to Connecticut Humane Society or a charity of the donor's choice. Online messages of remembrance and sympathy may be made at www.molloyfuneralhome.com

Tribute Wall



“ We were saddened to read of the loss of your father. We were out of town at the time of his death and are just now catching up with all that we missed. Please except our prayers and codolences.##imported-begin##John & Connie Dowd##imported-end##

November 04, 2006 at 12:00 AM



“ To the Grudzien Family:

I am deeply saddened for the loss of such a tremendous husband, father and friend and very kind man. May the strength and love of your family and friends help you all during this difficult time.

Thoughts and prayers are with all of you.

Love, Lisa##imported-begin##Lisa Marecki##imported-end##

November 01, 2006 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Mr. Mark Grudzien & Family

Mark I am sorry for the lost of your father, he was a good man. When you worked at Wampanoag Country Club I spoke to him a few times. He told me to keep both eyes on you all the time, but I found out I needed more than two eyes to make that happen. Mr. Milton Cross, myself and your father were talking one day and I remember it like it was yesterday because your father spoke so highly of you, something my father never did of me. But for a father to say something like that in public and not knowing me, I knew he was a great man and a proud father. I think of you from time to time and it brings a smile to me because you are one of the funniest guys I know. God Bless you and your family.

*Brad Baker
20 Hayden Court
Windsor, CT 06095###imported-begin##Brad Baker###imported-end##*

November 01, 2006 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Ginny and Family:

I was deeply sadden to hear the news of your husband's passing. I am sure he will always live in your heart and the wonderful memories you shared will help you through this most difficult time.

*Fondly,
Debbie Matava
Tunxis Garden Club###imported-begin##Debbie Matava###imported-end##*

October 31, 2006 at 12:00 AM



“ *Ginny and Family:*

So sorry to hear of your tremendous loss. God will give you strength to get through this. Faith and good friends will also help. God Bless##imported-begin##Norm and Carol Deane##imported-end##

October 31, 2006 at 12:00 AM



“ *To Mr. Grudzien and his family,*

I am sorry to hear of the loss of your father. My family and I extend our condolences and deepest sympathy to you.

Sincerely,

Kim Orzech and family##imported-begin##Kim Orzech##imported-end##

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