



## Roger J. Rice

December 21, 1923 - December 8, 2009

Roger J. Rice, a long-time resident of West Hartford, passed away on Tuesday, December 8, 2009 at the age of 85. Born on December 21, 1923 in Waterloo, Iowa, he was the beloved husband of Maxine M. Rice to whom he was married for nearly 62 years. Mr. Rice graduated from Hall High School in West Hartford and the University of Michigan, in Ann Arbor, MI. His college career was interrupted by World War II during which he served with the US Navy in the Pacific. He returned to the University of Michigan after the war and earned his Bachelor of Arts degree. He is survived by his wife, Maxine, of West Hartford along with their children: Stephen C. Rice and his wife, Kay, of Redding, CT, Victoria Spellman of Suffield, CT and Catherine Jordan and her husband, Jack, of West Hartford and their grandchildren: Molly Winn of Rowayton, CT, Amy Tato of San Francisco, Ethan Rice of Bedford, NY, Brian Spellman of East Windsor, CT, Matthew Spellman of East Windsor, CT, Brenna Jordan of Fairfield, CT and Alex Jordan of West Hartford. He was predeceased by his parents, Jesse Donald Rice and Bernice Weart Rice Merry along with an older brother, Garrison Rice. Mr. Rice was the owner of American Tool and Machine in Windsor, CT and Experimental Tool and Die in West Springfield, MA. He was an avid golfer and a member of the Golf Club of Avon for more than forty years where he served as President in 1975-76. Calling hours will be on Friday, December 11, 2009 at the Molloy Funeral Home, 906 Farmington Avenue, West Hartford from 1:30 PM until 3:30 PM. A short prayer service will follow. A private interment for the family will occur at a

later date. The family would like to request that memorial donations be made to the Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson s Research, Church Street Station, P.O. Box 780, New York, NY 10008-0780.