



Stephen B. Hudak, Jr.

August 24, 1924 - December 6, 2009

Stephen Bernard Hudak, Jr., 85, of West Hartford passed away peacefully on Slovak Christmas Sunday, December 6, 2009 at St. Francis Hospital. He was the beloved husband of the late Regina Hultgren Hudak deceased 1970 and for the last 38 years, of Evelyn Colantuoni Hudak. Born in Johnstown, PA on August 24, 1924, to the late Stephen and Mary Bartosky Hudak, Stephen graduated from Bishop McCort High School and then attended St. Vincent's College in Latrobe PA. He was an officer in the US Army during World War II and received training at Yale University as a Japanese interpreter prior to his deployment overseas in Japan and Korea. Later, he took great pride and enjoyment in having helped to organize the 50th and the 60th year reunions of his Yale classmates. Stephen graduated from the University of Pittsburgh in 1949 with a degree in metallurgical engineering. He was very proud of his long and successful career as a metallurgical engineer with U.S. Steel Corporation that spanned over 35 years and brought him from New Jersey to Pittsburgh and finally to his home in West Hartford. Not long after his initial retirement, Stephen translated his energy and work ethic into a 10 year employment with the Asko Knife Company. Stephen was a faithful parishioner at The Church of St. Timothy for 47 years. He is survived by his wife, Evelyn; by his sister, Rosemarie; by his sons, Mark, Craig, James, and Stephen; by 9 grandchildren and numerous nephews and nieces; and by a host of friends. He was very sad to have been predeceased by his beautiful daughter, Ruth. His family will remember Stephen's lifelong love of books both reading and

famously, collecting, learning particularly with respect to his children's educations, and mental challenges for instance, the New York Times crossword puzzles; his intelligence, grace, generosity, and constant optimism; his love and support as a husband, father, and grandfather; his nurturing of the instinct in each of his children and grandchildren to work to the best of his or her abilities; his profound enjoyment of the simple things in life; his ability to find something to like in everyone that he met; and with the greatest affection, the immense interest and delight he took in the lives of his family. Our family extends sincere gratitude to the doctors and staff at St. Francis Hospital for the compassionate care they provided for Stephen in his last months. The family will welcome friends at the Molloy Funeral Home, 906 Farmington Avenue, West Hartford, from 4-7 pm on Wednesday, December 9. The funeral will be Thursday, December 10th at 9:15 a.m. from the funeral home with a Mass of Christian Burial at 10 am in The Church of St. Timothy, 1116 North Main Street, West Hartford, CT 06117. Burial will follow in Mt. St. Benedict Cemetery, Bloomfield. Donations in his memory may be made to The Church of St. Timothy.

Tribute Wall



“ *Jim and family*

So sorry for your lost - I too never got to meet you dad, but now I know where Jim got his humanity and selflessness.

Bob##imported-begin##Bob##imported-end##

December 10, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ *Everyone leaves a legacy. Steve left so many good memories; the times we spent golfing in Vermont. The time we spent together. I'll always remember Ruthie and how I tried to console her when her mother past away. I'll remember how happy Steve was to find Evie and to remarry. I can't ever forget Steve.##imported-begin##Herb Reller##imported-end##*

December 09, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ *Dear Mark and Family,
Please accept our deepest and heart felt condolences on the passing of your father. I know it is never easy to loose a loved one especially a parent. Your father is in our thoughts and prayers. May God rest his soul in peace and give you all the patience and strength to bear this loss.*

Rathore Family

Mobeen, Sumra, Faheem and Azeem##imported-begin##Mobeen Rathore##imported-end##

December 09, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ *Jim and family --*

Please know that I am keeping you all in my thoughts and prayers. While I never met your dad husband/uncle/grandfather/sister/etc, I'm certain from knowing his son that he was a wonderful human being. You all have my most sincere sympathy.##imported-begin##Jennie##imported-end##

December 08, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ *Dear Aunt Evelyn, Mark, Craig, Jim and Stephen, and families; Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this saddest of times. We will greatly miss Uncle Steve's stories and advice. He was a strong mentor for Patrick and Kevin, for which I am so very grateful. Take comfort in and cherish all the great memories which you will have forever.*

With love, Karen, Patrick, Kevin and Stephen Cox##imported-begin##Karen Cotter##imported-end##

December 07, 2009 at 12:00 AM