

Thomas C. Stakem

October 1, 1917 - June 8, 2009

Thomas C. Stakem, 91, of West Hartford, the husband of Margaret McNamee Stakem, died Monday June 8, 2009 at his home. Born in Cumberland, Maryland, the son of the late Thomas C. Sr. and Alice McPartland Stakem, he was a graduate of LaSalle High School in Cumberland and Loyola College, Class of 1941 in Baltimore, MD, and had lived in West Hartford since 1964. Tom and Margaret were married June 17, 1944, in Cumberland, MD. Tom served proudly in the US Army, Quartermaster Corps, during WW II as a Captain. He was an outstanding business equipment salesman and sales executive for NCR from 1946 until retiring in 1981, and then a client service representative for CT Online Computer Center in Avon until retiring again at the age of 77 in 1994. He was an active and devoted member of St. Timothy Parish in West Hartford where he served as a Lector, Eucharistic Minister, founder and champion of the Eucharistic Holy Hour, member of the Pastoral Care Team and Religious Educator for many years. Tom truly lived the Beatitudes as he welcomed strangers, comforted the sick, and brought God's peace to all. Tom enjoyed swimming and golfing, but most of all, the essence of his life was his wife Margaret, his family, friends and his faith. Beside his wife, he is survived by his four children: Thomas C. Stakem, Jr. and his wife Elizabeth of Reading, MA, Ronald E. Stakem and his wife Helen of Oklahoma City, OK, Gregory M. Stakem of East Hartford, and Mary Lynn Kelly and her husband Timothy of West Hartford. A fourth son, Dennis J. Stakem predeceased him. Tom is also survived by his grandchildren: Todd Stakem

and his wife Sue, Kerry Stakem and Mark Stakem; Christopher Stakem, Timothy Stakem and his wife Kate; Kristen Kelly and John Kelly; and by his great grandchildren Sawyer, Charlotte and Thomas Gray Stakem. Tom was one of eight children and is also survived by his brother and sister-in-law Robert and Cecelia Stakem of Cumberland, MD, and many nieces and nephews. Special thanks are extended to Dr. Rolf Knoll and the entire staff of St. Francis Hospital, Mount Sinai Rehabilitation Hospital and St. Mary Home Rehabilitation Services for their excellent care. Family and friends are invited to join Tom's family at the celebration of his Mass of Christian Burial on Saturday June 13th at 10 a.m. in the Church of St. Timothy 1116 No. Main St. West Hartford, followed by burial in Mt. St. Benedict Cemetery, Bloomfield. Calling hours are Friday June 12th from 4-7 p.m. at the Molloy Funeral Home 906 Farmington Ave. West Hartford, CT. Donations in his memory may be made to the Church of St. Timothy. Online remembrances may be made at www.molloyfuneralhome.com

Tribute Wall



“ Dear Stakem Family and Friends,
It was not mentioned in Tom's obituary that he played basketball at both LaSalle High School and Loyola College. He played on Loyola's Varsity as a sophomore and a junior. He and another Stakem Jim may have played for LaSalle High School in the National Catholic Tournaments held in Chicago in the 30's. Unfortunately, I never got to meet Tom but I was happy to hear of his love for God and his service to others.
Sincere Condolences,
Jimmy Smith, Loyola College '76
Nottingham, England##imported-begin##James Smith##imported-end##

October 13, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ Marylynn and family:
I am so very sorry for your loss. Your dad will be sadly missed yet joyously remembered. Some of those vivid memories are playing charades on XMAS eve. with him almost jumping out the window as a clue. I will never forget "It Came Upon a Midnight Clear". Also, traveling the long way home from the Cape so he could stop for a cheesburger at some out of the way place called Shady Glen. Ironically, I now live only 3 miles from there. I think of him every time I drive past. He was a VERY special person and I am proud to have had the awesome opportunity to have known him.
Love, Nadeen##imported-begin##Nadeen##imported-end##

June 11, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ *Margaret and Family;*
I am so very sorry to hear of Tom's passing. He was truly a wonderful person. In the corporate world, he was always ready to share his knowledge, but the way he lived his life was a wonderful example that made us all better human beings. The world is a better place because of Tom.##imported-begin##Scott Johnson##imported-end##

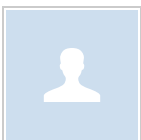
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“ *Dear Margaret and Family*

My sincere sympathy to you and your family at the loss of one of the kindest and most loving men I have ever known. Tom was one of the first people I met when I applied for a clerical position at NCR in 1962. We worked together for 15 years before he retired. We also stayed in touch when he was at COCC. I will miss him. The angels in heaven are rejoicing because one of their own is coming home. God Bless##imported-begin##Barbara Orsie##imported-end##

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“ *Dear Aunt Margaret & family,*
I'm so sorry for your loss. Uncle Tommy was always a very special person and I know all the family will miss him. You are all in my prayers.
Love, Kathy##imported-begin##Katherine Tresselt##imported-end##

June 10, 2009 at 12:00 AM