

McKEE, William J.

William J. McKee, 85, of Wethersfield, beloved husband of Kathleen (Giantonio) McKee, passed away Sunday, (September 23, 2007). He was born in Wethersfield, son of the late John and Sussanah (Janes) McKee and had lived in the area all of his life. He was a Wethersfield High School graduate, class of 1940, a graduate of the Pratt Institute of Art and attended Princeton University. He was a graphic designer and artist. He was president of William McKee & Associates Advertising, was employed by the Hartford Courant and retired from the Phoenix Mutual life Insurance Company Corporate Communications Department. An accomplished and talented artist, his works of art graced hundreds of homes in New England. He was artist of the month and ran art shows at the Wethersfield Library. He was a Navy veteran of World War II, a member of the Masons, the Scottish Rite of Hartford, the Shriners and the former editor of their newspaper. He was Past Commodore of the Middletown Yacht Club and former member of the Wethersfield Cove Yacht Club. Besides his wife he leaves his loving family, son, William J. McKee Jr. and his wife, Margaret of Westwood, MA; daughter, Heather Summers and her husband, Brian of Glastonbury; brother, Howard McKee and his wife, Barbara of Old Lyme; stepchildren, Joseph Giantonio Jr. and his wife, Kristen of Bristol, Elizabeth Giantonio and her fiance, Sean Dobleare of Cromwell; grandchildren, Tory and Kaitlyn Summers, Ella and Maggie McKee and Mia Giantonio and several nieces and nephews and his special buddy, "Murphy". He was predeceased by his first wife Beverley (Harrigan) McKee and a brother John "Jack" McKee. Memorial services will be Thursday at 12 Noon at First Church of Christ Congregational, 250 Main St. Wethersfield. Burial will be private and at the convenience of the family. There are no calling hours. The D'Esopo Funeral Chapel, 277 Folly Brook Blvd. Wethersfield has charge of arrangements. In lieu of flowers memorial donations may be made to Friends of Glastonbury Rowing Incorporated (FOGRI) P.O. Box 552, South Glastonbury, CT. 06073.



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