



## Carl W. Hjerpe

September 24, 1915 - April 21, 2011

Carl W. Hjerpe, 95, of Kensington and Mystic, husband of Phyllis Fredeen Hjerpe, died peacefully at home in the arms of his loving family on April 22nd, after a lengthy illness. Born in New Britain, son of Carl A. and Caroline Johnson Hjerpe, he graduated from New Britain High School in February of 1933 and completed his Bachelor's Degree in Mechanical Engineering at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in Troy, New York in 1939. He served in the U.S. Marine Corps during WWII with service during the taking of Guadalcanal with the First Marine Division and as an Artillery Battalion Commander with the 5th Marine Division during the invasion of Iwo Jima in 1945. He retired from the service as a Lt. Colonel. He was a 50 year member of the South Church which he served in many capacities as well as Moderator. He was a member of Shuttle Meadow Country Club, a member of the governing committee and board of directors. He was past president of the New Britain Rotary Club, the Round Table, the New Britain Chapter of the American Red Cross, chairman of the board of directors of the New Britain Federal Savings Bank, and a director of the YMCA. He was past Commodore of the Mason's Island Yacht Club, where he spent many happy summers at his Mason's Island cottage with his family. He was President of C.W. Hjerpe, Inc. Mechanical Contractors of New Britain, a company that performed the mechanical construction work on many public and private buildings in the Central Connecticut area. He was a licensed Professional Engineer in CT & NY. He was past president of the CT Mechanical Contractors Association. Carl loved people and had a wonderful sense of humor with a booming infectious laugh. He was a golfer, a skier, played tennis and sailed. He and Phyllis spent much time after he retired, sailing their boat Largo, in Long Island Sound and New England waters. He was an honorable man of great integrity and patriotism. In addition to his wife of 67 wonderful years, he is survived by 2 daughters and sons in law, Anne Domurat and her husband Robert Domurat of Kensington and Kari Hjerpe and her husband Dean Schroeder of Key West, FL; and 5 grandchildren, Melinda, Benjamin and Christopher Domurat and Hannah and Maxwell Hjerpe-Schroeder; two nieces, Lenore Hill of Washington, and Carole Joyce of Chevy Chase, MD; 2 nephews, Dr. Charles Hjerpe of California and Russell Hjerpe of Texas. The family wishes to thank the Westfield Care and Rehabilitation Center of Meriden, CT and the Franciscan Hospice Care Center for their outstanding care and compassion.

A memorial service with military honors will be held Tuesday 1 PM at South Church, 90 Main Street, New Britain, CT 06051. There are no calling hours. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to South Church. The Carlson Funeral Home, New Britain is in charge of arrangements. Please share a memory or note of sympathy by "clicking" SEND CONDOLENCES at the bottom of the page.

# Tribute Wall

PW

“ Dear Phyllis, Anne, Kari. Please have my sincere condolences on the passing of your husband and dad. It was 60 years ago when you took me in for the summer break. I was a foreign student having adjustment on campus. No questions asked, Mr. Hjerpe, Mrs. Hjerpe and you two girls made me comfortable. Thank you. Today I reflected and turned to the obituary, realizing Anne and Kari would have long grown up, married with children and assumed other lady names. I was correct. With much love, always. Pekah Pamella Wallace.

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**Pekah Wallace** - August 21, 2019 at 03:53 PM

PW

50 years not 60. Last not lady. Pls forgive typos. Adjustment problems...No opportunity for edit.

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**Pekah Wallace** - August 21, 2019 at 03:57 PM

SJ

“ Dear Phyllis, Kari, Anne and families, It is with a heavy heart that I learned of Carl's passing...what a fine, gentle man. Hope he and his neighbor and friend mechanical engineer Van, will get to hangout and celebrate the wonders of their 95 years as kind and loving spirits among us!  
Carl was a vibrant, industrious and joyful man who contributed much to all the people and occasions of his life. You much have a rich "storehouse" of fine memories to sustain you.  
My sincerest sympathies are with you as well as all the grandchildren Mindy, Ben and Christopher...and Kari's too: what a wonderful role model their grandfather was for them. He will be greatly missed but dearly remembered.

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**Sally Van Dorn Johnson** - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ I want to express my condolences to your family. I went to school with Kari at Berlin High School and hope to touch bases with her at some point. I remember Mr. Hjerpe from Shuttle Meadow Country Club and what a fine man he was in so many ways.

Your family is in my thoughts and prayers. Jeff Crothers

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**Jeff Crothers** - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

KR

“ Carl, so sorry to hear of your loss. Your family and friends are in our thoughts. If there's anything you need, please don't hesitate to call. Our door is always open to you. I know he's in a better place watching over you. May he RIP.

Kimberly Bonvie & Jay Riback - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

AZ

“ My sincere sympathy to Phyllis and the Family. Carl was an important person to me, a mentor and friend, a congenial and approachable tower of strength who constantly reached out to others. Although I have not seen him for many years, I have treasured Carl's occasional correspondence, his wit, wisdom and good cheer despite adversities. His memory will be a continuing source of strength.  
Sincerely, Andy

Andy Zimmerman - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

RM

“ Please accept our sincere expression of sympathy. May God be with you Phyllis and your family during this time of great sorrow.

Richard and Norma McGann - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

KW

“ Please accept our heartfelt expression of sympathy on Carl's passing. The Hjerpes played a long-standing, beloved role in the lives of the Carlson/Fredell clan nearby, which I know through memorable stories from my mother Evelyn.

God bless each of you in the coming days.

With sincere sympathy,  
Kristen Widham and  
daughters Evelyn and Britta

Kristen M. Widham - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

JT

“ Phyllis-The Taber family will miss our wonderful neighbor Carl. Running over to say Hi was the first item on the agenda every summer as we arrived at our cottage- particularly for Maria. From advice to mowing 18 inches of grass to apologizing for our rowdy dogs and kids, I was always greeted with a warm smile, a helping hand and time to chat. We all loved Carl- a truly special person and neighbor in every sense of the word. love to all- Joanne

joanne Taber - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM