



Joseph B. Kerel

September 7, 1932 - December 24, 2022

Joseph B. Kerel, 90, of Newington, passed away Saturday (December 24, 2022) at home. Born in Pittsburgh, PA, to the late Joseph and Julia Kerelejza, he lived in Newington since 1963. He was a warm and devoted family man, a loving, thoughtful husband and father, who always offered wise counsel and reliable advice whenever we needed it. Joe was a kind, supportive and reliable friend to all who knew him.

A graduate of Yale University in 1957, he also served in the Medical Corps of the U.S. Army at Walter Reed Hospital during the Korean War. After graduation, he joined the Sales Department of Mead Johnson Company/American Hospital Supply in sales and lived in Rochester, NY. He returned to Connecticut in 1960 and worked briefly for General Scientific before joining the Purdue Frederick Company of New York and Norwalk. He later received his MBA from the University of Hartford in 1969. Joe was Director of Sales Training at the Purdue Frederick Company, where he worked for over 30 years, retiring in 1998. An active member of St. Mary's Ukrainian Orthodox Church in New Britain, he served as a Sub-Deacon of the church, was a former Treasurer of the church council, and sang in the church choir. A talented musician, he played piano all of his life, had a wonderful voice, and enjoyed singing in various choral groups, most notably, the Gerald Dargis Chorale. Joe was an avid sports enthusiast, he was a lifelong, die-hard Yankees fan, starting out listening to them on the radio by the time he was

eight; and, in football season, greatly enjoyed heading down to the Yale Bowl to watch the games. He was absolutely thrilled when Yale won the Ivy League Title this November!

Joe enjoyed traveling (including many cruises) with his wife, Dorothy, both here and abroad, and he especially enjoyed spending winters in Sarasota, Florida. The Hawaiian Islands were also a favorite place of his and they traveled there several times. He also loved snorkeling in Key West, Florida and the Caribbean.

Joe is survived by his wife of 63 years Dorothy (Perelom), his son, Christopher Kerel, his daughter, Alisa Kerel and a sister, Dr. Joan Kerelejza.

Calling hours will be held Thursday morning, December 29, 2022, from 9 to 10 AM at St. Mary's Ukrainian Orthodox Church, 54 Winter Street, New Britain, CT 06051, followed by a Funeral Service at the church. Burial will follow in the church cemetery. Carlson Funeral Home, New Britain, is assisting with arrangements. Please share a memory or note of sympathy at <http://www.carlsonfuneralhome.com> Memorial donations may be made to St. Mary's Ukrainian Orthodox Church, USO.Org PO Box 96860 Washington DC 20077-7677, or to a charity of your choice.

Cemetery Details

St. Mary Ukrainian Cemetery

New Britain, CT

Previous Events

Calling Hours

DEC **29**. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Mary Ukrainian Orthodox Church
54 Winter Street
New Britain, CT 06051

Funeral Service

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Tribute Wall

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“ Our most sincere sympathy to Dorothy, Chris, Alica and Joan. Your husband, father, brother was simply put - a wonderful person and a very special friend. Those of us who were fortunate to have known Joe know how much he cherished his family, his church, and his country. He lived a life always believing in doing his share to make things better. His list of accomplishments for St Mary's UOC go on and on and were culminated by a Distinguished Service Award. On a more personal note we will forever be thankful for the great times we had with Joe and Dorothy. Joe had a great wit, sense of humor, and a lot of common sense. Our vacations, trips, playing canasta, ventures, and solving world problems were always interesting and fun. In addition to being our friend he was like a brother to us. We will truly miss him and may his Memory be Eternal



Michael P Wowk & Diane Wowk

michael p wowk - December 28, 2022 at 04:08 PM

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“ Pat And Frank lit a candle in memory of Joseph B. Kerel



pat and frank - December 27, 2022 at 11:12 AM