



## Milton "Skip" Peplau

November 27, 2015 - November 27, 2015

Milton L. "Skip" Peplau, of New Britain, passed away peacefully on Wed, November 25th at the age of 88. He was the beloved husband of the late Marie Woods Peplau for 49 years until her death on Jan. 8, 1999. Born on Aug 20, 1927 to the late Herman R. and Lillian Ahlquist Peplau, Sr, Skip was a lifelong resident of New Britain, graduating from NBHS in 1944. In 1945, after graduating from Admiral Billard Academy, New London, CT, he enlisted in the V-5 Aviation Unit of the US Naval Reserves. He trained in Bethany, WV and at Swarthmore College in PA before completing his naval service while stationed at Lakehurst Naval Air Station in Lakehurst, NJ. In 1947, he returned home to the family dairy business, where he owned and operated Peplau's Dairy, one of New Britain's first modern dairy plants, before selling to Mohawk Dairy in 1963. He then worked for 24 years as a Health Inspector for the New Britain Health Dept. until his retirement in 1988. While at the health department Skip inspected local food services, operated early air pollution testing equipment and developed a keen interest in many Public Health issues, including the growing field of environmental protection, an interest he passed on to his children. Skip always loved airplanes and convertible cars. He learned to fly at age 16 and qualified for his Pilot's License in 1947 at Simsbury Airport, where he co-owned a 2 seat Taylor craft. His first car was a 1941, Plymouth convertible. He was well read, could converse on most any topic and always enjoyed a neighborly chat. He liked CNN, the financial news and was an avid UConn Women's Basketball fan. He had a great sense of humor and was known for his witty comebacks. Above all, he was a proud father and grandfather who especially enjoyed the family holiday gatherings.

He leaves to mourn his passing: a son, Steven Peplau and his wife Gail Suprin-Peplau of Fountain Hills, AZ; two daughters, Lillian Olmsted and her husband Craig of Gloucester, MA and Susan Peplau and her husband Jon Chambers of Vernon, CT; a brother Herman Robert "Bob" Peplau and his wife Nancy of Farmington; four grandchildren Lauren Taylor and her husband Paul, Eric Olmsted, Rachel Harris and Christopher Bulawa; two great grandsons, Nicholas Harris and Brennan Bulawa; a niece, Diane Murphy and her husband Rudy Reiblein; three nephews, Jay Murphy, Robert Peplau and his wife Catherine, and James Peplau; two grandnephews, Erik Reiblein and John Peplau; three grandnieces,

Lauren Peplau, Jennifer Scavo and her husband Rocky and Jamie Savage and her husband Jordan; 8 great grandnieces/nephews and a some very dear friends.

Calling hours are Wednesday December 2nd from 4-7 pm at Carlson Funeral Home, 45 Franklin Square, New Britain. Friends are invited to attend funeral services by going directly to First Lutheran Church of the Reformation, at 77 Franklin Sq., New Britain, CT 06051 on Thursday December 3 at 10:30 AM. Burial will be private. The family wishes to extend special thanks to the entire staff at Jerome Home/Arbor Rose for all the special care and attention they gave to Skip these past few years. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to First Lutheran Church of the Reformation, or a charity of your choice. Please share a memory or note of sympathy by clicking on "Send Condolences" at the bottom of this page.

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