



## Theodore "Todge" Rydecki

October 27, 1926 - February 12, 2004

Theodore "Todge" Rydecki, 77, of New Britain, died Thursday February 12, 2004 at Walnut Hill Care Center. He was the widower of Frances Wollman Rydecki, who died in October of 2002. A native and lifelong New Britain resident, he was a World War II veteran, serving with the Army Air Corps. "Todge" was a member of St. Marks Episcopal Church in New Britain; Northwest Vets, TGM Post in New Britain; and was well known as a pitcher for both St. Mary's and St. Ann's Church in the old New Britain fast pitch softball league.

Surviving are two sons; Wayne Rydecki and his wife Silvia of Farmington, and Craig Rydecki and his wife Lisa of New Britain; a daughter Lynn Allen and her husband Larry of Southington; 2 brothers, Edward Rydecki and his wife Patricia of Niantic; and Henry Rydecki and his wife Carmen of Trumbull; a sister, Jean May of Las Vegas, N.V.; 6 grandchildren, Todd, Scott, Ashlee, Tara, Amy, and Jessica Rydecki, along with several nieces and nephews. Funeral services are Saturday 9:15 AM at Carlson Funeral Home, 45 Franklin Square, New Britain and 10 AM at St. Mark's Episcopal Church, 147 West Main Street, New Britain. Burial with military honors will be in Fairview Cemetery. Calling hours are Friday 5 to 8 PM at the Carlson Funeral Home. Memorial donations may be made to the American Diabetes Association, 300 Research Parkway, Meriden, CT 06450. Please share a memory of "Todge" with his family on our online guestbook by clicking on "Tribute" at the bottom of the page.



# Tribute Wall

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“ To the Rydecki Family:please accept my deepest sympathy on the passing of one of the best.Words need not say the good times and fun we had as we walked the street of life.Whether a baseball game for St.Ann's or a golf match at Stanley,you knew you'd have fun,if Todge was there.Having played ball and worked with Todge for 25 or so years,you really get to know a person.Always a cool head and someone full of common sense and leadership.That's how I'll remember Todge.Good-bye my friend,until we meet in that "Emhart" in the sky. Jim Cashmanwho could never hit the knuckler

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**James J.Cashman,Jr.** - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

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“ My sincere condolences to the Rydecki family. I too played fast pitch softball when Todge was pitching. I played shortstop for the Ecumenics and then played for St. Matthews as a shortstop and then converted to pitching.Todge was always soft spoken and well liked not only his teammates but also by the whole league. He was also a great competitor and friend. Those days bring fond memories. He will surely be missed.

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**Frank J. Aksamit** - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

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“ I had the pleasure of working with Todge at Emhart in the early 80's and can say without question he was the most friendly, helpful, easygoing fellow you could hope to meet! If I had known he was a ballplayer we would have talked much more. My condolences, Mike Peters

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**Michael Peters** - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

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“ Hello Rydecki Family:

*I played a lot of softball against Todge in the 60's and early 70's. We contended a lot for the Church League championship. I want you to know that Todge was very much a gentleman and a sportsman at all times. He also was a hell of a competitor and hard to beat. What he lacked in physical size he made up for in heart.*

*I too was a pitcher and I can remember watching Todge pitch when I was a young boy he was 12 years older than me. It was guys like him and Hank Raducha, etc. that got me interested in pitching.*

*Thanks for the memories, Todge.*

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**Bob Aleksiewicz** - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM