



## Walter R. Schaffer

June 27, 1927 - February 13, 2016

Walter R. Schaffer, 88, of Newington, husband of Ruth Gjerpen Schaffer for 61 years, passed away peacefully Saturday February 13, 2016 at the Jefferson House in Newington. Born in Chicago, IL, Walter is a former New Britain resident, moving to Newington in 1954. A graduate of New Britain High School, Class of 1944, Walter is a World War II Army Air Force veteran and was employed at SNET Company in Hartford for 43 years, retiring in 1987. Walter is a faithful member of St. Matthew's Lutheran Church in New Britain; a former church Elder; and was a member of the choir and building committee at the church.

Besides his wife Ruth, Walter is survived by a son, Jeffrey Schaffer of Vernon and his companion Debi Nowacki of Killingworth; a daughter, Claudia Concannon and her husband William of Greenwich; three grandchildren, Kristin Harris and her husband Christopher Harris of Boston, MA; Molly Denihan and her husband Conor Denihan of Manhasset, LI, NY; and William Concannon Jr. of Washington, DC, and two great grandchildren, Emma Kathleen Denihan and Campbell Marie Denihan; several nieces and nephews. Walter was predeceased by his parents John and Marie Schaffer, a brother, John W. Schaffer and two sisters, Wilma Bradlau and Emma Schaffer.

Funeral services are Wednesday 10 AM at St. Matthews Lutheran Church, 99 Franklin Square, New Britain, CT 06051. Burial will follow in Fairview

Cemetery, New Britain. Calling hours are Tuesday 4 to 7 PM at Carlson Funeral Home, 45 Franklin Square, New Britain. Donations may be made to St. Matthews Lutheran Church or to the Alzheimer's Disease Association, 2075 Silas Deane Highway, Suite 100, Rocky Hill, CT 06067. Thank you to the Atrium of Rocky Hill for their years of caring for Walter and The Jefferson House for his last few months of care. Please share a memory or note of sympathy with Walter's family by clicking on "Send Condolences" at the bottom of this page.

# Tribute Wall

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“ Claudia and family, my condolences on the passing of your father and husband. I recall Walter as a kind and loving man, and a great Dad to Jeffrey and Claudia. Claudia, I see that you live back in CT; it would be fun to reconnect sometime. Please feel free to contact me via email. With thoughts and prayers for all of you, Susan

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**Susan Babcock White** - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

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“ Jeff & Family,  
Our thoughts and prayers go out to you during this trying time.

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**Kevin & Marilyn Harkins** - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

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“ Wally, as we knew him at SNET was a great friend , funny , knowledgeable and just nice to see everyday that we came to work mostly at 55 Trumbull st. in Hartford .  
I worked for him and with him , all enjoyable, and a common practice at SNET was to pull a prank on someone and he was one of the best at along with his friend Mr. Portius sic  
RIP Wally  
John Chilicki

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**john chilicki** - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM