



Donald "Bud" Priest

December 10, 1929 - November 12, 2013

Donald Michael "Bud " Priest, 83, of Hamden, passed away peacefully, surrounded by his loving family, on Tuesday, Nov.12, 2013 at Yale-New Haven Hospital. He is survived by his beloved wife of sixty years, Ruth Priest; his loving children, Pamela P. Irving and her husband Dr. Jack , of Hamden, Donald M. Priest Jr., of Branford, and Amy E. Paier and her husband Richard, of Orange; and his cherished grandchildren, Brian Irving, Alison Irving Appleby and husband Michael, Griffin Paier, and Kelsey Paier. He is also survived by his brothers Richard and Edward Priest, both of Syracuse,NY and many nieces, nephews and cousins. He was predeceased by his daughter, Susan L. Priest, and a brother, John Priest. Born Dec. 10, 1929 in Syracuse, NY, a son of the late John G. and Catherine Downes Priest, Bud graduated from Holy Rosary High School in Syracuse and St. Bonaventure University, class of 1951. After serving with the U.S. Army, he had a distinguished career as a realtor as owner of First Woodbridge Realtors. He was a past president of the New Haven Board of Realtors, and was honored as the CT Realtor of the Year. He was a civic- minded person who was a past president of the Orange Board of Education and was a past chairman of the Orange Police Commission. Bud was also a charter member of the Woodbridge Rotary Club, serving as its first president, and was a Paul Harris Fellow. He was a communicant of St. Rita Church in Hamden. Bud was a selfless giver with an abundance of compassion and kindness. He committed himself to family, friends, and those in need. He brought joy to everyone he met. An eternal

optimist, he took great pleasure in life and never turned down an invitation for fun. Bud's family deeply thanks all those who cared for Bud over the past six months, especially the staff at Whitney Center.

Bud's life will be celebrated with a Mass of Christian Burial at St. Rita Church, Hamden, on Saturday morning at 10:00 am. Entombment will follow in Mt. St. Peters Cemetery Mausoleum, Derby. Friends may call on Friday from 5-8 pm at Sisk Brothers Funeral Home, 3105 Whitney Ave., Hamden. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Woodbridge Rotary Club, P.O. Box 4096, Woodbridge, CT 06525, or to the Rocky Mountain MS Center, 8845 Wagner St., Westminster, CO 80031 (specify "For Research").

Tribute Wall

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“*Death of a loved one is never easy. May you find an abundance of comfort in your family, friends and especially the future blessings found in God's word. He has promised to swallow up death forever and reunite us with all who fall asleep in death. (Isaiah 25:8, John 5:28,29) As a God of love who cannot lie we can certainly trust all he says to come true. (1 John 4:8 & Titus 1:2) It is my hope that these words and the fond memories of your loved one sustain you through this most difficult time.*

D'Anita - February 05, 2014 at 10:58 AM

RC

“*My condolences to the family. Bud was a consummate professional, true gentleman and good friend. I will remember him with great respect and admiration. Don lived the Rotary four - Way Test: Is it the Truth? Is it Fair to all concerned? Will it build Goodwill and better friendships? Will it be Beneficial to all concerned?*

*Rick Chamberlin
West Haven*

Rick Chamberlin - November 21, 2013 at 01:00 PM

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“ *The numbers from the Rosary's Class of 47 are dwindling especially when the starting point was the same as the year (47). Although it has been almost six (6) decades since our last meeting the memories from the Velasko Road area of Rosary Heights still linger on from a different time and era with Bud.*

From our class to his family we offer our prayers and .sympathies during this period of remembrance. I can guarantee he has been openly welcomed and blessed by the Sisters Of the I.H.M..

*Fran Feola
Rosary Class of 47
Grosse Point Park Mi.*

Fran Feola - November 15, 2013 at 05:52 PM

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Fran Feola - November 15, 2013 at 05:30 PM

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Fran Feola - November 15, 2013 at 05:11 PM



“ A sympathy card was purchased for the family of Donald "Bud" Priest.



November 15, 2013 at 12:00 PM



“ Bud was an inspirational man to many people. He played a pivotal role in my development as a person, and explained life in a positive way that I still reflect on these many years later. I was greatly saddened to hear of his passing.

To his family,
For some moments in life there are no words, but I wish you peace to bring comfort, and memories to forever hold in your hearts.

Eric Welker

Eric Welker - November 15, 2013 at 11:41 AM



“ We are thinking of all of you-our former neighbors-at this difficult time. We hope that the strength of your family and wonderful memories will comfort and sustain you.

Fondly
Nita and George Romer

nita romer - November 15, 2013 at 06:27 AM



“ *Celestial Love was purchased for the family of Donald "Bud" Priest.*



November 14, 2013 at 08:18 PM



“ *I was very fortunate to meet the kind and warm Bud. His spirit touched me and will never be forgotten.*

May your heart and sould find peace and may the blessings of God be upon you.

*Love,
Andrei & Shannon Tamas*

Andrei Tamas - November 14, 2013 at 02:25 PM



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Cathy Jones - November 14, 2013 at 09:04 AM

JP

“ We are grateful for the friend Uncle Bud has been to us. He, Ruth and Susan traveled from Connecticut to North Carolina to attend our wedding. I will always remember the fun we had with Bud- even falling into the duck pond! For Aunt Ruth, what a relationship of 60 years of marriage to Uncle Bud. You are always very gracious. We will all miss him, as he had a knack for showing up for any family event anywhere in the United States.

Love, John and Heidi Priest

John Priest - November 14, 2013 at 07:51 AM