



## Harry Vincent O'Connell

July 30, 1927 - December 5, 2018

Mr. Harry Vincent O'Connell, 91, of Hamden passed away peacefully at home on Wednesday December 5th, 2018. Harry was born on July 30, 1927 in New Britain, the son of the late Michael V. and Florence Lambert O'Connell. He was predeceased by his beloved wife, Kathleen O'Day, his sister Rita, his brother John and his grandson Aidan. He is survived by daughters Margaret (Tom) Rathier of Windsor, Joan O'Connell of Boulder, Colorado and Mary Kate O'Connell of Hamden, as well as sons Mark O'Connell of Watertown, MA and John (Bridget) O'Connell of Beverly, MA. Harry leaves six grandchildren- Erin Annie and Marya Rутtenber, Andrew and Stephen Rathier and Isabel and Neave O'Connell. Additionally, Harry leaves many nieces, nephews, friends and neighbors. He will be missed dearly.

Harry was a graduate of Trinity College, Hartford and Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Troy, NY and was a registered professional engineer. He served as a chairman of the Connecticut Chapter of the Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers. Prior to his retirement in 1991 he was an engineering manager at SNET where he worked for 39 years. He was a devoted parishioner of St. Rita Church, serving there as a Eucharistic Minister for many years. Harry was also a long-time volunteer for Habitat for Humanity, for which he received the President's Volunteer Service Award. Harry served in the US Army's Signal Corps, in Italy, at the close of World War II. Besides spending time with his family, Harry loved to read, especially about history,

and to golf and travel. The family would like to thank James who took loving care of dad for several months.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be Celebrated Tuesday at 10 a.m. in St. Rita Church 1620 Whitney Ave. Hamden. Burial in St. Mary's Cemetery. Friends may call Monday from 4 - 8 p.m. at Sisk Brothers Funeral Home 3105 Whitney Ave. Hamden. Memorials may be made to Birthright of Greater New Haven, 176 Campbell Ave; West Haven, Ct. 06516; St. Rita School 1601 Whitney Ave. Hamden CT 06517; or Habitat for Humanity of Greater New Haven, 37 Union Street, New Haven, CT 06511. To leave a online condolence please visit [www.siskbrothers.com](http://www.siskbrothers.com)

# Cemetery Details

## St. Mary Cemetery

3102 Whitney Ave.  
Hamden, CT

# Previous Events

## Calling hours

DEC 10. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Sisk Brothers Funeral Home  
3105 Whitney Ave.  
Hamden, CT 06518  
(203) 288-7114  
[siskfuneral@sbcglobal.net](mailto:siskfuneral@sbcglobal.net)

## Funeral service

DEC 11. 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Rita Church  
1620 Whitney Ave.  
Hamden, CT

# Tribute Wall

GM

“ *Harry will be greatly missed, from our Spring Garden St, from St Rita, and from Habitat. He was such a shining example of goodness and the joy of giving. Our prayers and sympathy are with his family.  
Bret and Gina Morrow and family*

**Gina Morrow** - December 13, 2018 at 10:16 PM

CO

“ *John, We are saddened to learn of the loss of your Dad. I was reminded today, He was the eucharistic minister at my Dad's service. We are thinking of you during this difficult time. - Chris O, Sowjanya O'Neill - the DC O'Neill's relocated from Haverford.*

**Chris O'Neill** - December 11, 2018 at 07:26 PM

HH

“ *Habitat for Humanity of Greater New Haven purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Harry Vincent O'Connell.*



**Habitat for Humanity of Greater New Haven** - December 10, 2018 at 01:06 PM



“ *Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Harry Vincent O'Connell.*



December 10, 2018 at 01:02 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Harry Vincent O'Connell.*



December 08, 2018 at 08:58 PM



“ *Your father was a great guy and father to you all. Sending lots of love and prayers your way.*

**Doris A Carlson** - December 08, 2018 at 06:07 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Harry Vincent O'Connell.*



December 08, 2018 at 03:20 PM



“ *Jenn & Todd Blute and family purchased the Love's Journey for the family of Harry Vincent O'Connell.*



**Jenn & Todd Blute and family** - December 08, 2018 at 02:38 PM

ML

“ I remember the first time I met your dad was when he came in my office at SNET. I knew the person I would introduce him to was your Mother.

*I am so sorry to hear about you dad.*

*What a wonder father and family.*

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**Margaret Lee** - December 07, 2018 at 05:35 PM



“ *Treasured Lilies Spray was purchased for the family of Harry Vincent O'Connell.*



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December 07, 2018 at 12:11 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Harry Vincent O'Connell.*



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December 07, 2018 at 11:22 AM



“ *Loving Lilies and Roses Bouquet was purchased for the family of Harry Vincent O'Connell.*



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December 07, 2018 at 08:03 AM



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John Oconnell - December 07, 2018 at 06:46 AM

MA

*I became acquainted with Harry through family gatherings with the O'Day family. He was a wonderful conversationalist and a gentleman. I thoroughly enjoyed my time with Harry and his lovely daughter, Mary Kate. May Harry rest in Eternal Peace.*

Maureen - December 07, 2018 at 09:12 AM



“ *Mr. O'Connell was a kind, gentle man who was a great dad to you wonderful O'Connell children. Our hearts and prayers go out to you as you go through this difficult time.*

Laurie Longchamps - December 06, 2018 at 10:36 PM

SQ

“ *Great man. I only met him once and thoroughly enjoyed his company at Pepe's for pizza. My thoughts are with you and your family during this time of sorrow.*  
-Steve Quinn

Steve Quinn - December 06, 2018 at 04:20 PM



*Steve, my Dad liked you and loved the work that we do. He was an Engineer and a historian to the core and was always kind to my fiends. Thanks for the kind note. John*

John Oconnell - December 06, 2018 at 08:09 PM

BH

*Spring Garden Street is forever changed. I will miss my neighbor.*

**Brian Heninger** - December 11, 2018 at 09:20 PM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Harry Vincent O'Connell.*



December 06, 2018 at 01:23 PM