



## Ian (Skip) Gemmell

April 21, 1927 - April 29, 2012

Ian Lorne (Skip) Gemmell, 85, of Hamden died April 29, 2012 at Skyview Center, Wallingford after a long illness. He was born April 21, 1927 to the late William and Margaret (MacKechnie) Gemmell in Derby, CT. He grew up in Orange and, in 1944 he joined the U.S. Navy. Ian served aboard the USS Audrain during WWII, working on landing craft in the Pacific Theater. He and his shipmates enjoyed many annual reunions in later years. He worked for the Engineering and Applied Science Dept. at Yale University, retiring in 1989. Ian enjoyed reading and music and was a talented wood carver. Walking and hiking were a great pleasure for him and he worked several years with the Sleeping Giant trails group. He was a member of the St. Andrew's Society of CT. and, at one time, marched with the 2nd Co. Governor's Footguard and Lancraft Fife and Drum Corps. Ian spent many happy hours with his friend Jack Dillon, sailing on Jack's boat. In his youth, he piloted his own plane out of Ansonia airport. He liked to travel with his wife and or family and visited most of the continental U.S. as well as Canada, the Caribbean, England, Scotland, France, New Zealand, Tahiti, Fiji and Hawaii. Ian is survived by his loving wife of 56 years, Jean Perry Gemmell; daughters Sandra (George) Malia of Goshen and Lauren Gemmell of Houston, TX; three grandchildren Katherine and Matthew Malia and Lauren (Matt) Eterginio; and two great grandchildren. He is also survived by his brother Ranald (Marian) Gemmell of Orange, having been predeceased by four others, Donald, Colin, William and Alistair. Funeral services will be held Wednesday at 11 am in Sisk Brothers Funeral

Home 3105 Whitney Ave. Hamden. Burial with military honors will follow at the Mount Carmel Burying Ground, 3801 Whitney Ave. Friends may call Wednesday from 10 am until time of service. In lieu of flowers, contributions to the Sleeping Giant Park Association, P.O. Box 185340, Hamden, CT. 06518-0340 or the VNA Services, Inc. P.O. Box 186929, Hamden, CT. 06518. [www.skbrothers.com](http://www.skbrothers.com)

# Tribute Wall

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“ Dear Sandy and Robin;  
My deepest sympathies for your loss May you remember him fondly  
with love and happiness And may your heart be freed from sadness  
in due time

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**Deborah Powell** - May 06, 2012 at 11:50 AM

JL

“ Dear Gemmell Family,  
I am so sorry for your loss, and I want to send sympathy also on  
behalf of my parents, who knew the Gemmells in CT in the 1960s  
and 1970s: Rev. Earl Lehman (Grace Baptist Church) and Ruth  
Lehman. Ruth passed away several months ago, and Earl is living  
with advanced dementia, but within the past year or so I talked  
about the Gemmells with them and they remembered you all. I know  
they would want to be there for you now.

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**JoAnne Lehman** - May 05, 2012 at 05:57 PM

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“ Laurie and Sandy,  
My mom let me know about your dad's passing. I know that it has  
been a long journey for him and you. Please accept my sincere  
condolences, and my mother's as well, for you and your family.  
It's so hard to lose a parent even when you think you may be  
prepared. I miss my dad every day and I remember him in everyday  
occurrences. I think, "Dad would have liked that joke" or "Dad loved  
Mom's apple pie". The memories are so blessed!  
Care and prayers,  
Sandi Albom (Spinning)

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**Sandi Albom (Spinning)** - May 03, 2012 at 01:08 PM

RW

“ I was fortunate enough to know The Brothers Gemmell from Dogburn Rd, Orange, Ct. - but, sad to say, not Donald. A great group they were, with a wonderful Mother, Peggy. To Jean and to Rannie I express my sympathies but do know that Skip had a great life and always a fun attitude and so it was finally his time to join the Clan.

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**Reggie White** - May 02, 2012 at 08:27 PM

RA

“ Laurie, Sandy, and Mrs Gemmell, I am sorry to read about your father/husband passing away. All of you are always in my thoughts! Regards, Richie Armstrong from Hale Drive in Ansonia

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**Richard Armstrong** - May 02, 2012 at 08:17 AM

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“ A kind man We miss him

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**Hugh & Mary Gemmell** - April 30, 2012 at 06:15 PM