



John Watson Oertel

September 17, 1924 - December 8, 2017

In Hamden, December 8, 2017 John Watson Oertel 93, of Hamden. Beloved husband of Bertha Marie Strobel Peckham Nelson, loving father of James Oertel (Jean) of Port Orange, FL, brother of Albert Oertel of S. Londonderry, VT., stepfather of Karen Peckham (Ray Iovene), James Peckham, Dennis Nelson (Griselda), Pamela Ambrose (Robert) also survived by his stepgrandchildren Tyler, Samantha, Robert Ambrose and Miguel Nelson. He attended the State St. Grammar School, Hamden High School class of 1942. He then enlisted in the US Army in September of 1942, served in the US Eighth Army 1943-1946, was a First Sergeant in the 131st Chemical Company US Army Pacific Command in New Guinea and the Phillipines. He participated in the liberation of the POW camp at Santo Tomas, Manila, Phillipines in February of 1945. John was a 47 year member of the Indian Neck Yacht Club, a 60 year member of the International Association of Bridge, Structural, Ornamental and Reinforcing Iron Workers. He retired as Local #424 Apprentice Coordinator. He was on the Board of Governors and National League Director for the first Hamden Youth Hockey Association in 1968. He played with the New Haven Bears Hockey Club 1950-1951 and was a coach for the Pee Wee Hockey Program started by Lynn Patrick in New Haven in 1947. Mr. Oertel was the recipient of the CT. Veterans Wartime Service Medal from Governor Dannel P. Malloy, the Dr. G. Roy Fugal Award from the CT. State Apprenticeship Council in 1989 and was appointed to the CT. Governors Statewide Advisory Committee for Vocational & Technical Schools By

Governor William A. O'Neill in 1989. Mr. Oertel was a lifetime member of the NRA. Funeral from Sisk Brothers Funeral Home 3105 Whitney Ave. Hamden Wednesday at 9:30 am, Mass of Christian Burial at 10 am in St. Stephens Church, 400 Ridge Rd. Hamden. Burial will follow in Centerville Cemetery, Washington Ave. Hamden. Calling hours are Tuesday from 5 - 8 pm and Wednesday morning from 8:30 -9:30 am. To leave an online condolence please visit www.siskbrothers.com

Cemetery Details

Centerville Cemetery

Washington Ave.
Hamden, CT

Previous Events

Calling hours

DEC 12. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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

Funeral service

DEC 13. 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Stephens Church
400 Ridge Rd.
Hamden, CT

Tribute Wall

MO

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Maria C. Oertel - December 23, 2017 at 01:39 PM

MO

“ Hello Maria & Jim and Everyone,

I am so sorry I could not make it to Hamden with my father. Had I known I would have found the time.

I have been missing my uncles and my cousins for some time now; but life gets so busy...

I am so sorry I did not reach out sooner.

Please see the one photo I have of Uncle John with my brother. It is one of my favorites, from back in the day when he used to take us out in his boat.

I have never forgotten my Uncle John, he has been and will continue to be missed,

His Niece Maria Oertel

Maria C. Oertel - December 23, 2017 at 01:38 PM

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Maria C. Oertel - December 23, 2017 at 12:22 PM

MA

“ *Dear Marie,
So sorry to hear of John's passing. I have many fond memories of the events at Indian Neck Yacht Club.
May he rest in peace.
In friendship,
Mary Ann Alberino*

Mary Ann Alberino - December 15, 2017 at 09:49 AM

VJ

“ *Dear Marie,

I was so sorry to hear of the passing of your husband. You are in my thoughts and I wish I could give you a big hug of sympathy.
Your good friend,
Vicki
(from our Wednesday meeting)*

Vicki Jones - December 13, 2017 at 08:27 PM



“ *We are so terribly sorry Marie. Ypu are in our prayers and hearts.
We love you. Becky and Kristen from W/F mornings.* 🥹🥹🥹

Phan Phorever - December 13, 2017 at 10:00 AM

SG

“ Saturday Morning "You've Got a Friend Group" purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of John Watson Oertel.



Saturday Morning "You've Got a Friend Group" - December 12, 2017 at 08:16 AM



“ What an honor it was to have known such a great man. My condolences to the family. I will always remember and love John. - Cathy Tiberia Moretti

Catherine Moretti - December 11, 2017 at 02:23 PM

FM

“ From Steven and Catherine Moretti purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of John Watson Oertel.



From Steven and Catherine Moretti - December 11, 2017 at 02:21 PM

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“ JOHN was a good person, a standup Union Ironworker, a reliable friend.
I'm glad I seen him at our Ironworker's outing.
Always cheerful. An example to all.
Signed, Another John O

John O'Shea, IW LO 424 - December 11, 2017 at 08:47 AM