



Neil Topitzer

March 31, 1931 - November 16, 2010

Neil Patrick Topitzer, 79 years old, of Charlton Hill, Hamden, Ct died November 16, 2010 at Branford Hospice after a 12 year struggle with Parkinson's disease. Born on March 31, 1931 in Bridgeport, Ct. to the late Cornelius and Mae Elliott Topitzer, Neil grew up in Milford, and later earned his B.A. and M.S. from Fairfield University. He taught at Saint Mary's High School and then English at Hamden High School for 32 years. After retirement in 1992, he acted with several theatre groups in the New Haven area and also studied acting at the New School and HB Studio in NYC. He is survived by his wife of 54 years, Mary Jane Lynch Topitzer, their children, Paul, (Colleen Goggins) of Clinton, John (Eileen Doherty) of Cheshire, Kate (Michael Erwin) of Harwington, David (Kim McGuire) of Tolland and Maria (Patrick McCarthy) of Hamden; grandchildren, Patrick, Adam and Julia Topitzer, Alex, Michael and Matthew Topitzer, Abby and Anthony Erwin, Oliver and Delia Topitzer. He is also survived by his brother Gerald (Patricia Demmons) of New Haven and sister Jean (James Lewis) of Milford. Visiting hours 3-7 pm Sisk Brothers, 3105 Whitney Ave., Hamden, Friday, November 19, 2010. Burial Private. Memorials in his memory may be made to the National Parkinson's Association, (parkinson.org)