



Neil E. Park

April 15, 1923 - October 16, 2013

Neil E. Park of Hartford passed away Wednesday, October 16, 2013 at the age of 90 years. He was born in Hartford on April 15, 1923, the son of Clyde and Laura (nee Twetten) Park. Neil served his country in World War II in the Army Air Corps as a bombardier. His plane was shot down and he was interned in Sweden for six months. After the service, he entered Marquette Dental School. In 1952 he re-entered the Army, attained the rank of Captain, and was stationed in Germany. Neil married Dorothy See on March 1, 1952 at Fort Dix in New Jersey. After returning to the States, he returned to Hartford and set up his dental practice, where he practiced for 40 years. He was very active in the Hartford community. Neil was a member of the Hartford Lions Club, sang in the Hartford First United Methodist Church choir, and served as a Board member for Hartford Savings Bank for many years.

He is survived by his loving wife Dorothy of 61 years, his children, Krista (Thomas) Hoffmann of Hartford, Stephen (Rose) Park of Slinger, Karen (Kurt Sieman) Park of Eau Claire, Gregory (Diane) Park of Fond du Lac, and his loving grandchildren, Lindsay (Shane) Becker, Cassidy (Cristy) Hoffmann, Courtney Hoffmann, Michael Park, Kathryn (Brian) Kavanugh , Kyle Park, George Metropulos, Emily (Charles) Thurner, Nicholas Park, Tyler (Garrett) Pausma, and Thomas Pausma, six great-grandchildren, his sister, Lois (Walter) Brager of TX, nieces, nephews, other relatives, and friends. He is preceded in death by his brother, Clifton Park.

Visitation is Sunday, October 20 from 2-4:30 p.m. at the Hartford First United

Methodist Church, 738 W. Monroe Avenue. Funeral service will follow at church at 4:30 p.m. Rev. Paul Johnsen will officiate. Interment Monday, October 21 at 10 a.m. at Pleasant Hill Cemetery, Hartford.

Memorials to Hartford First United Methodist Church or the Schauer Arts and Activities Center would be appreciated. The Berndt-Ledesma Funeral Home is serving the family.

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Tribute Wall

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“ *I hope that you are doing well Mrs. Park. I'm sure that Steve is looking after you.*

Charles Daubner - February 28, 2014 at 12:00 AM

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“ *Neil(gunner) and my father Veto lavecchia (bombardier) were WW2 crew-mates on the USAAF B-24 Liberator, "Mistah Chick", that was disabled by flak after dropping their bombs on synthetic oil refineries in Politz Germany (20 June 1944). They cheated death by crash-landing in neutral Sweden without casualties. 69 years later, these two standard-bearers of the Greatest Generation passed from this Earth as men of valor, patriotism, and lifelong service to country and community.*

Godspeed, Dr. Park, and much respect for your defense of Freedom.

Alan lavecchia - December 12, 2013 at 12:00 AM

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“ *May Neil's loving family and friends find comfort from God's Word at John 5:28,29.*

Charles Schuttig - October 23, 2013 at 12:00 AM

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“ *Sending you my deepest sympathy for the loss of your husband, father and grandfather. I heard about Dr. Park's passing from Sue Konrath. May he rest in peace.*

Joan Reed Scheu - October 23, 2013 at 12:00 AM

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“ Steve & Rose:

So sorry to hear of your father's passing. My thoughts and prayers are with you as well as Mike, Katie and Kyle.

God Bless!!!

Sue Chpaman - October 18, 2013 at 12:00 AM

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“ *Thinking of you all.*

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