

**William Brainard Cutler**

Mystic - William Brainard Cutler, 91, born Dec. 12, 1924, in Hartford, died peacefully on Monday, April 25, 2016, in Mystic.

He was the loving husband of Elizabeth (Winslow) Cutler; father of the late Ralph William Cutler, Clarissa Yantis Cutler (James Swinerton), Stuart Yantis Cutler and Edith Brainard Cutler Hirtenstein (Scott), all of the Chicago area; stepfather of James McGovern (Deborah) of New York City and Elizabeth Johnstone (Philip) of Stonington; very proud grandfather of Katherine and William Grayson, Anne and Grace Cutler, Max and Jacob Hirtenstein, and Elizabeth and Charlotte Johnstone; uncle to many nieces and nephews.

He was predeceased by his parents, Ralph Dennis and Ruth Alberta Brainard Cutler; and his siblings, R. Dennis Cutler (Prudence), Helen Winter (John) and Ruth Chapman Ford (Frank and T. Mitchell).

Bill attended Kent School (Class of 1943) and Williams College (Class of 1947). He served in World War II as an ensign in the U.S. Navy, where he proudly defended the Panama Canal as 2nd in command of a submarine chaser. He moved to Chicago in 1948 where he embarked on his career, first in banking and later in the securities business. In 1955, Bill married Marion Yantis with whom he had their four children. In the early 1970s, he returned east to New York City where he met and married Elizabeth "Winnie" Winslow on Dec. 13, 1975; they later moved to Stonington and Mystic, where he worked in commercial real estate and as a consultant. Bill and Winnie recently celebrated their 40th anniversary of happy marriage.

Winnie and Bill enjoyed life, friends and family. They traveled extensively and lived life to the fullest. As a new resident to Stonington, he founded the now annual 4th of July parade. He was active in the Republican Town Committee, promoted the bicentennial celebration of the Repulse of the British, and was a longtime member of the Wadawanuck Club. He loved marching band music, sailing, the Republican Party, racquet sports, cooking and the American flag. Endlessly curious, he was a true Renaissance man; his many diverse interests included viniculture, croquet (he held a patent for a croquet wicket), fractals, the Austrian School of Economics and the Haruspical Society.

A memorial service will be held at 11:30 a.m. Saturday, May 7, at Calvary Church, 27 Church St., Stonington.

In lieu of flowers, please feel free to make a donation in his memory to the Yale School of Medicine, 333 Cedar St., New Haven, CT 06510.

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