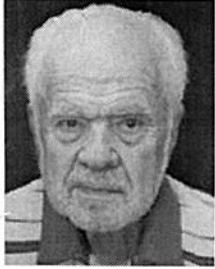


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J. David Maier(1928 - 2017)

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J. David Maier, aged 89, of Milford, CT passed away peacefully at home on October 7, 2017. Loving husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, teacher, coach, Master Gardener, author, and natural leader, Dave was born on March 22, 1928 in Chicago, IL. He was the son of Leonard C. and Helen (Sweet) Maier, grew up in LaGrange, IL, and moved with his family to Milford, CT when he was 13. Dave attended Milford High School as a freshman, where he met the love of his life, Anne Beach. He graduated from Phillips Exeter Academy in 1945 and from Williams College in 1948. Dave and Anne were married in 1949 and lived in Manlius, NY where he taught at The Manlius School, a respected military academy for boys. During this time, Dave received a Masters' Degree from Syracuse University. In 1953, they moved back to Milford and Dave worked for a short time for his father and uncle at Ward Maier & Co. He quickly went back to teaching and had a long career teaching English, first at Amity Regional High School in the 1950's and then at New Canaan High School. In the 1970's, Dave went into school administration, including time spent as Assistant and then Interim Superintendent of Schools in New Canaan. In retirement, Dave studied landscape architecture, became a certified Master Gardener, was an early proponent of organic gardening methods (which included many hundreds of trips to a nearby horse barn to collect super valuable soil fertilizer), and enjoyed golf, tennis, and walking. Anne and Dave spent many winters in Fort Myers, Florida where they volunteered for ECHO, a Christian-based global organization that equips people with agricultural resources and skills to reduce hunger and improve the lives of the poor. Up until the day before he died, vegetables and fruits from Dave's garden were harvested, packaged, and brought to the Orange Congregational Church each Sunday, where donations were collected and sent along to ECHO.

Dave is survived by his sons J. David Maier, Jr. (Tina) of Lewisburg, PA, Timothy R. Maier (Brigitte) of Norwalk, CT, Steven B. Maier (Priscilla Bremser) of Middlebury, VT and Peter C. Maier (Charlotte) of Huntington, CT, as well as eight grandchildren (Allison, Kristin, Eric, Carly, William, Jeffrey, Brian, Christine), and five great grandchildren. He was predeceased by his wife Anne, his parents, his brother, Leonard C. Maier, Jr. of Fayetteville, NY, and by his beloved dog Ruthie. Dave's family wishes to thank the many friends and caregivers who helped increasingly in recent years, with a special thank you to Nomusa Sikhosana, his constant aide and companion. A Memorial Service will be held on Saturday, October 21, 2017 at 10:30 a.m. at the Orange Congregational Church, 205 Meeting House Lane, Orange, CT. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to ECHO (17391 Durrance Road, North Fort Myers, FL 33917 or <http://echonet.org/>).

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