



## Rutherford Burgess

July 12, 1926 - February 27, 2021

Rutherford (Rudy) Burgess 94, unexpectedly died February 27, 2021 He was born in Hartford, CT moving to Rocky Hill in 1958. Rudy was predeceased by his wife Barbara Thornton Burgess his son, David Burgess, his parents Leonard and Anna Burgess, his brother Leonard Jr and his sister Gladys Kitchens.

Rudy leaves to mourn his passing, 4 grandchildren Kayla, Ashley, Tara and Crystal Burgess, his daughter in law JoAnn, his nieces Jean Bonner, Pamela Washington, Janice Miller and Juanita Savage and his nephews Wayne and Craig Burgess. He also leaves 9 great grandchildren Alexis, Alexander, Alana, Mila, Antonio, Christopher, Kaleb, Juliana and Layla and a host of great nieces and nephews and friends.

As a pharmacist, Rudy worked and later owned Harris Pharmacy in Hartford and after retirement he worked at Rialto Pharmacy. He was a veteran of the US Navy.

He was active in the Rocky Hill Historical Society, Rocky Hill Congregational Church, Social Seniors of Rocky Hill, and performed with the Serenaders, singing, playing his guitar and telling jokes. He also visited nursing homes performing. Rudy loved playing golf and bowling.

Due to Covid 19, there will be no calling hours. Services will be at his gravesite at Rose Hill Memorial Park, Elm St. Rocky Hill on March 10, 2021 at 1:15PM. In the future when we can all meet safely, we will have a celebration of his life.

In lieu of flowers, his family would like donations sent to Macular Degeneration Association P.O. Box 96162, Washington D.C. 20090.

# Cemetery Details

## Rose Hill Memorial Park

580 Elm Street  
Rocky Hill, CT 06067

# Previous Events

## Graveside Service

MAR 10. 1:15 PM - 1:45 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

JO

“ There is nobody like Uncle Rudy. His humor and kindness will always be remembered. You couldn't get through a conversation with him without laughing at least twice. He will forever be loved and cherished in our hearts.

*Jeanette Oduselu & Family*

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**Jeanette Oduselu** - March 10, 2021 at 12:22 PM

TM

“ He loved the profession of Pharmacy, and everyone who was connected with it, from the Dean (Hewitt) at UConn to all of us who shared in the profession with him. Rudy was a true gentleman, may pleasant memories remain in the hearts of all who knew and loved him. Sincerely, Tim Marcham (UConn-'66)

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**Tim Marcham** - March 09, 2021 at 05:56 PM

CH

“ My deepest sympathies to all your family members. I am a pharmacist and knew Rudy through the Connecticut Pharmacists Association. Rudy always had a smile and a kind word whenever I saw him at CPA events. He is part of my memories of what makes a good pharmacist and a good person. Thank you for that, Rudy.

*Cynthia Huger*

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**Cynthia Huger** - March 09, 2021 at 02:29 PM

WB

“ Uncle Rudy is gone but not forgotten he will forever live on in our hearts and minds. He was a man of many talents not only was he a good golfer, bowler, singer, guitar player he was also a great cook we loved his homemade pies . 🙏

*Wayne & Sarah Burgess*

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**Wayne & Sarah Burgess** - March 07, 2021 at 11:56 PM

JG

“ My dad, Shike, loved Rudy like a brother. I believe they met in Pharmacy school in the late 1940's and were friends for 70 years until my dad passed in 2017. They worked together at the Methadone Clinic and volunteered at UConn after retirement. Rudy was a great man and I know my dad is happy to be together with him again.  
Jay Gershman

Jay Gershman - March 07, 2021 at 09:07 AM

JO

“ Rudy was a wonderful man. So warm, funny and just a joy to be around. I was the director of the Rocky Hill Serenaders and he was one of our soloists. This was not one of his signature pieces—I wish I had taped him doing King of the Road, or Blue Christmas, or Love Me Tender. But take a minute to watch.



Joy O'Sullivan - March 06, 2021 at 12:38 PM

PK

Rudy was a great guy, always full of life with a Joke to share. We will miss him in the Serenaders. Our sincere best wishes to his family. We will certainly miss him...Pat & Joe Klinger

Pat Klinger - March 06, 2021 at 01:05 PM

PT

Rudy was a pleasure to bowl with always had a joke for us. He will be missed by everyone.

Peg and Tony - March 06, 2021 at 06:09 PM

AL

Rudy was a great guy who was such a positive influence on so many. I loved singing with him in Serenaders and loved listening to his solos. He always had a smile for you. He will be missed.

Alyce - March 07, 2021 at 12:57 PM

JH

*I was very young (maybe 7 or 8) when I met Rudy at Harris Pharmacy. He was always so friendly and kind. I only knew him by "Rudy". We moved from Garden Street when I was 10. It was the picture in the paper that caught my attention. He hardly changed at all. Another "angel" in Heaven.*

*Hope he meets up with my beloved husband and my Dad . They will share many golfing stories.*

*A life well lived.*

*Julie*

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**Julie Hussey** - March 09, 2021 at 06:36 PM