



Leslie Reynolds Martin, Jr.

April 12, 1922 - April 12, 2016

Leslie Reynolds Martin, Jr., 94, of West Hartford, passed away peacefully at home on April 12, 2016. He was the beloved husband of Jean Lindquist Martin for over 60 years. He was born on March 24, 1922 and was the son of the late Leslie Reynolds Martin and the late Mary Noble Cooper. He was predeceased by his sisters Florence Newberry, Dorothy Leavenworth, and Bernice Pehl, and by his brothers Donald Martin and Warren Martin; he is survived by his sister Mary Ellington. He was the loving father of Peter Martin and his wife Margot of Foxboro MA, Laurie Beneski and her husband Ted of Colleyville TX, Jeffrey Martin of West Hartford, Robert Martin and his wife Angela of West Hartford, James Martin and his wife Susanne of Raleigh NC, and Richard Martin and his wife Anne of Worcester MA. He was the proud grandfather of Kristin, Jeff, David, Ryan, John, Nicole, Scott, Phoebe, Charlotte, Christopher, and Kevin, and great-granddaughter Isabelle.

Les grew up in West Hartford and graduated from Hall High School. He was in the Class of 1944 at Yale University, graduating a year early to serve in the Navy. He attended the United States Naval Reserve Midshipman School at Notre Dame University and graduated as an Officer of the U.S. Navy. He then attended the U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis, MD and served in WWII in Kodiak, AK and the Aleutian Islands. After the Navy, he graduated from MIT with a Master of Science degree in Meteorology.

He was an Officer of Aetna Life and Casualty, where he spent his entire 38-year career. He was also a Fellow of the Society of Actuaries. After retirement

he became a Certified Financial Planner and volunteered his services to others. He was an avid tennis player, golfer, exercise enthusiast, photographer, and gardener. He loved taking family vacations on Kingsbury Beach at Cape Cod for nearly 60 years. He was a very active member of First Baptist Church of West Hartford for 76 years.

A private graveside service with military honors will be held for family at Fairview Cemetery on Saturday, April 16. A memorial service will be held on Saturday, April 16 at 3:00 pm at the First Baptist Church of West Hartford, after which the family will receive friends and guests. Taylor & Modeen Funeral Home, West Hartford, has care of arrangements. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to the First Baptist Church of West Hartford Memorial Fund 90 North Main St. or the charity of your choice. For online condolences and directions please visit www.taylorandmodeen.com

Tribute Wall

BF

“ I am a friend of James "Jim" and he informed me of his fathers passing last week, we play ice hockey together. From myself and the entire team my deepest condolences to the entire family, a great man who loved his family and country.

Bruce Borer - Raleigh, NC - Friend - April 18, 2016 at 12:00 AM

LT

“ My heart pours out to those who mourn the loss of Leslie R. Martin Jr. . He was an amazing man, a generous soul, and a fabulous photographer :) He brought life to everything he touched, and a smile to my face at every encounter. I feel blessed to have known him, and to have so many lovely memories of being with him and his family. He was truly an inspiration to me. His legacy will remain close to my heart forever. Thank you, dear Uncle Les for gifting us with your presence. May you rest in peace, and may your soar with angels. My deepest sympathy, and heartfelt prayers and blessings, to my dear Aunt Jean, and cousins Peter, Laurie, Jeff, Rob, Jim and Rich, and their families. I love you all.

Laurie Ellington - Austin, TX - April 15, 2016 at 12:00 AM

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“ The world is diminished by the loss of a great man, but greatly enriched by the wonderful legacy he leaves behind, his family. The Beneskis of Hawaii are honored to have known and loved him.

Timothy Beneski - Honokaa, HI - April 14, 2016 at 12:00 AM

LF

“ I am a friend of Peter and Margot's and would like to express my sincere sympathies to all of the Martin family and friends. I never had the pleasure of meeting Les but heard many good stories from Peter. I know how much Peter treasured his time with his parents, siblings and extended family. Wishing you all the strength you need today and in the days to come.

Linda DeGirolamo - mansfield, MA - Friend - April 14, 2016 at 12:00 AM

FF

“ When I think of Jim and Sue's lovely wedding shower, I remember Les outside on the back patio building a huge leaning tower of the Crate and Barrel gift boxes. Every winter Jean and Les took me to a luncheon at a restaurant in Naples, FL. We shared stories of family events and memories of the year. Much appreciated is the constant love and kindness Les and Jean shared with my daughter, Sue, and family over the years. I will always be thankful for the chance to know this true gentle man. Rest in peace, Les Martin.

Frances Jornlin - Raleigh, NC - Family - April 14, 2016 at 12:00 AM

AF

“ Rest in Peace, Les, and Peace be with the Martin family !It was a pleasure to work with Les at the Aetna. He was a class act, and his encouragement when I joined the Aetna, and thru the years we worked together, meant so much to me. John Nikander
North Augusta, SC

A friend - April 14, 2016 at 12:00 AM

TM

“ Uncle Ted & Aunt Laurie & family, So sorry to hear of Mr. Martin's passing. Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you. May you treasure all the special memories and know that someday you will be together again. May the love of the Lord shine upon you.

The Wenninger Family - Ludlow, MA - April 14, 2016 at 12:00 AM

WF

“ Uncle Les was special to all his siblings and their offspring. From the master of photos when we were at our best raising havoc in the Martin back yard on Birch Rd to documenting the 4th of July on Columbia Lake. All of our cousins have a special bond thanks to Uncle Les.

warren & anita newberry - Fourt Lauderdale, FL - Family - April 14, 2016 at 12:00 AM