



BONIN, Joseph Joseph Bonin, 86, beloved husband of Dorothy (Bublitz) Bonin, of South Windsor, formerly of Wethersfield, died suddenly on Sunday, (November 2, 2008) in Hartford. Born in Kingscroft, Quebec, Canada, son of the late Lucian and Rose (Boulanger) Bonin, Joseph lived in Wethersfield for 35 years and Cape Cod for 22 years prior to moving to South Windsor two years ago. Being the self made man that he was, Joseph was the founder, owner and operator of Town Oil Company in Wethersfield, a business he started in 1963 and devoted himself to for more than 20 years, retiring in 1983. A U.S. Marine Corps veteran of World War II, he served in the South Pacific. Joe was an expert rifle marksman, serving as a sharpshooter and instructor and receiving numerous citations and awards as an enlisted man. He was also a champion lightweight boxer in the Marines. After his discharge he continued his love of shooting as a competitive shooter and was a member of the Bears Pistol Team. Joe loved the outdoors. When he wasn't cultivating his prize tomatoes, you could find him on the water fishing, scalloping or checking his lobster pots. In the winter months he was usually in his woodworking shop and making Christmas gifts for his children and grandchildren. Joe was busy from morning till night, taking up the game of tennis at the ripe young age of 78 and holding his own with people half his age. He was a serious contender in anything he attempted and was continually successful in those endeavors. From his teenage years and throughout his life, his family was the most important thing to him and many times he sacrificed to support them and went without for himself. Besides the love of his life for 65 years, his wife Dorothy, Joseph leaves his children, Don Bonin of Eastham, MA, Jack Bonin and his wife Joan of Marlborough, Robert Bonin and his wife Mary Anne of Wethersfield, Tim Bonin and Pamela Singarella of Sturbridge, MA, Elizabeth "Betsy" Hence and her husband Phillip of South Windsor and Joan Fries of Marlborough. In addition to his beloved children, he leaves his brothers, Leo Bonin and his wife Diane of Colorado Springs, CO and Gerry Bonin and his wife Karen of Old Saybrook; his sisters, Estelle Rutkowski and her husband Raymond of Jupiter, FL and Theresa Mozelewski and her husband Joseph of Bloomfield; his grandchildren, Kevin and Mary Ellen Fries, Brian and Jeffrey Bonin, Dawn and Lisa Bonin and Carin and Cherilyn Bonin and his six great-grandchildren; as well as numerous nieces and nephews. The funeral service will leave TODAY, November 5 at 9 a.m. from the D'Esopo Funeral Chapel, 277 Folly Brook Blvd, Wethersfield for a 10 a.m. Mass of Christian Burial at Corpus Christi Church, - See more at: <http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/hartfordcourant/obituary.aspx?n=joseph-bonin&pid=119755617&fhid=4082#sthash.Vp5d4K0r.dpuf>