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Daniel Jenkins, Union Carbide Executive, Opened Treasures Antique Store, Longtime Hospital Volunteer

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Daniel Jenkins, a Darien resident for 45 years passed away peacefully on Oct. 6, 2018.

He was born in Dover, N.J. in 1930 to Katherine Penberthy and Arthur Jenkins and was raised in Short Hills, N.J. He served two years in the U.S. Army and went on to graduate with a B.S. in finance and commerce from Bucknell in 1953.

Eventually Dan became a general management executive with Union Carbide. His job included a lot of hard work, travel and golf. He retired from Union Carbide after 30 years of service.

After retiring, Dan spent some time working at Ring's End, opened an antique store named Treasures and helped his friend, Frank Cicero, at Ladder Matters with finances.

— [an obituary](#) from *Edward Lawrence Funeral Home*

Dan spent 16 years volunteering at the patient registration desk of Stamford Hospital — logging 4,830 volunteer hours. He made some lasting friends there and enjoyed giving back to the community.

Dan is predeceased by his loving and supportive wife of 48 years, Rita Recker Jenkins, who left his side in 2012. His brother, Arthur Jenkins, also predeceased him.

Dan lived a long and happy life and is grateful to have had a retirement full of joy, growth and wonderful memories. He felt blessed by his family—especially his parents, his wife, his children and grandchildren. He lived his last years with his children and grandchildren who liked to play catch, chess and charades with him.

He regularly swam at the Darien YMCA, liked to talk about his days volunteering at the Stamford Hospital around the dinner table, enjoyed church services at St. Luke's Church and had an investment group with friends for many years.

Dan is survived by his son Arthur Jenkins, daughter Ann Laczko, nephew David Jenkins, grand niece Elizabeth Wolden and his beloved grandchildren—James Jenkins of South Carolina, Amanda Laczko and April Laczko of Darien, CT.

The family asks friends and acquaintances to join in remembrance of Dan between 5 to 8 p.m., Monday, Oct. 15 at the Lawrence Funeral Home, 2119 Post Road, Darien.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m., Tuesday, Oct. 16 in the Chapel of Saint Luke's, 1864 Post Road, Darien.

At Home in Darien graciously provided transportation and friendship to Dan. In lieu of flowers, please send donations to [At Home in Darien](#), 2 Renshaw Road, Darien, CT, 06820.

Thank you for all the love and support for Dan over the years by community and friends.