

Stuart Duffield, 90, Owned Insurance Brokerage Firm, Outdoorsman, Volunteer

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Stuart Duffield, 90, a 50-year resident of Darien, died peacefully at home on Feb. 12, 2018. He and his wife had resided at Maplewood of Darien for the past two years.

He was born on April 24, 1927 in Elizabeth, N.J. to Stuart and Mildred Duffield.

Stuart graduated from Cranford High School in Cranford, N.J., where he was all state in football and basketball.

He then went on to Williams College where he was president of his class, as well as both quarterback and captain for the Williams College football team, graduating in 1950.

His professional career was based in New York City, where he owned and operated an independent insurance brokerage firm.

Stuart served in the U.S. Navy in the Pacific during World War II. He was an active member and elder of Norton Presbyterian Church and later joined Marble Collegiate Church in New York City. He was a long time, active member of Trout Unlimited and volunteered many hours with Darien Book Aid, Pivot House and Norwalk Soup Kitchen.

While both his professional and personal accomplishments were vast and many, his greatest legacy is most evident in his strong faith and the family that he and Joan raised.

He lived his life as a humble servant and set a wonderful example for his family. Second to his family, his greatest joy in life was being in the outdoors, most especially near a stream with a fly rod in his hands.

He enjoyed a 65-year love story with his wife and then poured his greatest love into his three daughters, his grandchildren and great-grandchildren. His faithful, kind, loving, silly attributes will live on forever in their hearts.

He is survived by his wife of 65 years, Joan Duffield and daughters: Debbie (Jed) Lawrence of Darien and Allison (Chuck) Kendall of Midland, Mich. He was predeceased by a daughter, Betsy (Doug) Shufelt in 2001. Also surviving are eight grandchildren, five great grandchildren and his brother, Richard (Mary Rose) Duffield of Tucson, Ariz.

A Memorial Service will be held at 11 a.m., Saturday, April 21, 2018 at Noroton Presbyterian Church in Darien, with Pastor Brandi Drake officiating. Interment will be private.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to [Trout Unlimited, Mianus Chapter](#), P.O. Box 475, Wilton, CT 06897, [Alzheimers Association of CT](#), 200 Executive Blvd., Suite 4B, Southington, CT 06489 or [Constellation Health Services](#) (Hospice), 14 Westport Ave., Norwalk, CT 06851.

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