



John L. DePreter

October 22, 1922 - January 30, 2013

John L. DePreter passed away peacefully on January 30th with his son Paul by his side. He was born in New York City on Oct. 22, 1922 to his Swiss mother Yvonne and his Belgian father Louis. John attended public schools in New York City and is an alumni of Stuyvesant High School. In 1940 he joined the Army Air Corp and trained to become an airplane mechanic. He was stationed in Hawaii and was a Pearl Harbor survivor. During WW2 he flew missions in SE Asia with General Chennault and earned a Distinguished Flying Cross along with other wartime medals. After the war, he continued his career in the Air Force. In 1945 John married Zina Smolick, and the couple had two sons, Paul and Jonathan. The young military family was stationed in Fairbanks, Alaska and Logansport, Indiana before being transferred to McGuire Air Base and settling in Mt. Holly for the rest of their lives. John loved classical music, reading, good design and all things mechanical. He got his esprit de corps and humor from his mother, Yvonne and his high standards for exactness from his father, Louis. John is survived by his oldest son, Paul of Stockbridge, Mass., his granddaughter Olivia DePreter of New York City, and his younger son Jon and his wife Andrea of St. Augustine, Florida.

A Memorial Mass will be celebrated on Saturday at 10:00 AM at the Sacred Heart Church, 260 High St., Mount Holly. There will be no calling hours.

Previous Events

Service

FEB 2. 10:00 AM (ET)

Sacred Heart Church in Mount Holly
260 High St.
Mount Holly, NJ

Tribute Wall



“ *John L. DePreter*

October 29, 2022 at 11:57 AM



“ *John L. DePreter*

October 29, 2022 at 09:53 AM



“ *Paul, Thinking of you today. Let his memories live on.*

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