

# E.P. Gregory Sr., former judge

Edwin P. Gregory Sr., a longtime Colchester businessman who was a former state representative and town judge in that town, died Wednesday at W.W. Backus Hospital in Norwich. He was 81 and lived in Colchester.

A Democrat, he served as state representative from 1955 to 1956 and was a judge from 1956 to 1969. He ran a variety store known as Gregory's in Colchester for more than 40 years.

He was a former chairman of the Democratic town committee. He

was active in many civic and veterans' groups, and belonged to St. Andrew's Catholic Church. Born in Colchester, he was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II.

Gregory was the husband of the former Ruth Hurry. He also leaves three sons, Edwin P. Gregory Jr. of Manchester, Arthur Gregory of Mystic, and Gary Gregory of Midlothian, Va.; two brothers, Augustus Gregory of Lebanon, and Walter Gregory of Marlborough; three grandsons; a granddaughter; many nieces and nephews.

## Edwin P Gregory in the Connecticut Death Index, 1949-2012

Name	Edwin P Gregory
Gender	Male
Race	White
Occupation	RETIRED MERCHANT
Education	Primary/Secondary
Industry	GREGORY VARIETY STORE
Marital Status	Married
Birth Date	21 Feb 1908
Birth Place	Colchester, Connecticut
Address	52 BROADWAY
Residence	Colchester, New London, Connecticut
Death Date	28 Jun 1989
Death Place	Norwich, New London, Connecticut
Age	81 Years
Spouse	Ruth
Father's Surname	Gregorkwich
State File #	13412

**GREGORY.** Edwin P. Gregory Sr., 81, of 52 Broadway, Colchester, died Wednesday (June 28) at the W. W. Backus Hospital, Norwich. He was born Feb. 21, 1908 in Colchester, son of the late Paul and Malvina (Zywicki) Gregory. He was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II, and he ran a variety store known as Gregory's in Colchester for over 40 years. He was a member of St. Joseph Polish Club. He was charter member and past president of Colchester Lion's, belonged to the Colchester Fish and Game, was a past commander of VFW Post No. 54, treasurer of the American Legion, VFW, for 40 years, and a member of St. Andrew's Catholic Church. From 1955 to 1956, he served as State Representative, and from 1955 to 1960 he served as town judge of Colchester. At one time he was chairman of the Democratic Town Committee. He was married June 22, 1941, in Baltimore, Md., to Ruth Hurry. In addition to his wife, he leaves three sons, Edwin P. Gregory Jr. of Manchester, Arthur Gregory of Mystic, and Gary Gregory of Midlothian, Va.; two brothers, Augustus Gregory of Lebanon, and Walter Gregory of Marlborough; three grandsons; a granddaughter; several nieces and nephews. Funeral service will be Saturday, 8 a.m., from the Belmont Funeral Home, 144 S. Main St., Colchester, followed by a mass of Christian burial, 9 a.m., at St. Andrew's Catholic Church. Interment will follow in St. Joseph Cemetery, with full military honors. Friends may call at the funeral home today, 6-9 p.m. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to St. Andrew's Church Improvement Fund, or to the Intercounty Ambulance Association, Colchester 06415.

GREGORY, Walter T.



Walter T. Gregory of Marlborough, CT passed away peacefully in his home on January 30, 2013 at the age of 93. He was predeceased by his beloved wife, Jean Pietras Gregory. Originally from Colchester, Walter had a wealth of stories about his childhood in "Moonshine Alley", life at the "Lazy-U Ranch", and pumping soda and fixing burgers for the regulars at Gregory's Soda Fountain, his brother's long-time establishment in Colchester. His blend of Depression-era wisdom and mischievous humor made his memories into unforgettable family legends. While a student at Bacon Academy, he played basketball, and would become a big fan of Husky Hoops. Walter met his beautiful wife Jean at a dance at Lake Hayward. Shortly after their marriage, they moved to New York where he attended the RCA Institute and studied to be an electronics technician, getting into the very beginnings of the television and electronics explosion. He worked for many years at The Record Shop and The Stereo Shop in Hartford and finished his career with Allen Organ Studios. He traveled throughout the state making many friends as he maintained and repaired church organs, televisions and radios. Walter especially enjoyed family gatherings and his hobbies included working in his vegetable garden, cooking amazing soups, trout fishing, and sharing his love of rare words and word-play. He had an artistic talent as

well, creating some lovely oil paintings and playing many of his favorite standards on the piano – all by ear and all the right notes! He was an active member of his community, from chairing the Board of Finance, to serving on the Parks and Recreation and Democratic Town Committees for many years. Later in life, he was a regular at the Marlborough Senior Center, where he was valued as a consummate pool player and a loyal friend. Walter was predeceased by his parents, Paul and Malvina Gregory of Colchester (via Poland), and his siblings, Gus, Arthur, Edwin, John and Molly. He is survived by his children and their families: son Jim Gregory, his wife Cynthia Coia and daughter Katherine; son John Gregory and his partner, Wanda Campbell; and daughter Betty Kolding, and her husband Hal and daughter Hayley. His family and friends are forever grateful for the love Walter gave them and will always remember his sharp wit, dedication to his family and the pleasure he took in the world around him.

A memorial service will be held at 12 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 9, 2013 at St. John Fisher Church in Marlborough. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in his honor to the Marlborough Senior Center, the Richmond Memorial Library or the Roy B. Pettengill Ambulance Fund. Arrangements are being handled by the Belmont Funeral Home, Colchester, CT.