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March 1, 1950 - September 4, 2010

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 Russell Edward Aronheim passed into the arms of God with his adored wife Ellen by his side, on September 4, 2010 at Yale New Haven Hospital due to complications related to pneumonia. Russell's illness followed a two-year battle with esophageal cancer which he fought and won with determination, grace and love.

Russell was born to parents Ruben Elias Aronheim and Norma Cowett Aronheim on March 1, 1950 in Long Meadow Massachusetts. The Aronheim family moved to Middlebury Connecticut in June of 1954 where they established a homestead on Christian Road in which

Ruben and Norma raised Russell and his three brothers, Robert Edmund, Richard Ellis and Ralph Elliott.

The Aronheim family was well known for establishing The Hadley Furniture Company on Grand Street in Waterbury, which became a local commercial landmark for over 20 years. Russell graduated from Crosby high School in 1968, and promptly enlisted in the United States Marine Corps where he served with distinction as a forward observer. Russell was wounded in battle in 1968 when he received shrapnel wounds which caused the loss of one kidney and severe injuries to his legs. Russell was awarded the Purple Heart for his valiant sacrifice in the name of his country.

Upon returning to Middlebury, Russell worked in his family's furniture business as a salesman until 1973, at which time he continued his career in sales including the operation of a Pepperidge Farm distributorship.

The highlight of his life occurred on October 1, 1977, when Russell was married to Ellen Pryde Delaney, to whom he would remain a devoted and adoring husband for all of his life. Ellen and Russell became the proud parents of two daughters, Katherine Delaney Avcollie, born March 13, 1980 and Lindsay Pryde Aronheim on October 30, 1984.

Russell embarked on an exemplary career in sales of residential real estate in 1995 where he began his practice with Prudential Connecticut Realty in Southbury. Russell quickly rose to the top of his profession earning extensive accolades and awards for his outstanding sales performance including national sales awards as a Prudential Realty President's Circle Member, one of the highest awards given to Realtors at Prudential.

In 2006 Russell partnered with Ron Nettleton to form The Nettleton-Aronheim Group and joined the real estate team at William Raveis Realty in Southbury where the duo became the area's top real estate producers.

On December 28, 2007 Russell and Ellen were blessed with their first grandchild, Emma Pryde Avcollie, whom Russell adored. On August 19, 2010, they were again blessed with the birth of their second granddaughter, Grace Ellen Avcollie.

Russell was a lifelong fan of the New York Yankees who would never miss a game except in cases of fire or flood. Russell was an avid poker player who could hold his own at any poker table playing Texas Hold Em', his game of choice.

Russell Aronheim was a treasure to the Middlebury community where he was a Justice of the Peace and presided over many wedding ceremonies with joy, humor, and pride. He was recently selected to serve as Grand Marshal of the Memorial Day Parade in Middlebury. Russell lived for his family who will always hold him in their memories as the most loving husband, father, and "Poppa" that they could ask for. He will live in the hearts of all who knew him as one of the Great Spirits of his generation and his community.

Arrangements: Calling hours will be held on Wednesday September 8, 2010 at Chase Parkway Memorial/ The Albini Family Funeral Home, 430 Chase Parkway, Waterbury from 4pm to 8pm. Military funeral services will be held at Chase Memorial on Thursday September 9, 2010 at 9:30am. Burial will be at the convenience of the family. Those attending either calling hours or funeral services are asked to wear bright colors at Russell's request.

The Aronheims request that donations be made in lieu of flowers to The Middlebury Congregational Church Book of Remembrance, c/o Middlebury Congregational Church, 1242 Whittamore Rd, Middlebury, CT 06762 or to the Pan-Mass Challenge cancer charity at Team Perry/Dana Farber Cancer Institute c/o Amy Fradkin, 99 Tudor Rd., Needham, MA 02492 .

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