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**Deceased: RICHARD W. FOSS JR.; WORLD WAR II VETERAN**

**Date: November 24, 1997**

Richard William Foss Jr., of Maple Ave. in Old Saybrook, died Friday at Middlesex Hospital after a long illness. He was 76.

He was born in New York City and had lived in Old Saybrook for 30 years. He was retired but had worked at Old Saybrook High School. He was a veteran of World War II, where he served as a medic in the 48th General Hospital Unit of the Army. He was a pitcher for a minor league baseball team and had been scouted by the Cardinals but decided instead to raise a family.

He is survived by a son, Richard Foss 3d of Clinton; three daughters, Tina Ellis of Old Saybrook, Diane Leeker of Marlborough and Gayle Bean of Old Saybrook; nine grandchildren, two great-grandchildren and five step great-grandchildren.

Friends may call Tuesday from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Swan Funeral Home, 1224 Boston Post Road, Old Saybrook. Private burial will be in Riverside Cemetery, Old Saybrook. Memorial donations may be sent to the Middlesex Hospice unit at Middlesex Hospital at 28 Crescent St. in Middletown, 06457.

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