**Zygmunt Olbrys Sr.**

New London - Zygmunt Peter Olbrys Sr., 85, of New London died on Dec. 25, 2003, after a brief illness.   
  
Mr. Olbrys was born Sept. 14, 1918, in New London, son of the late Peter and Maryanna (Bednarczyk) Olbrys.   
  
Zyggy, who was an exceptional athlete, attended Chapman Technical High School, where he excelled in baseball, football and track. He graduated with the class of 1937. Drafted by the St. Louis Cardinals, he played in their farm system.   
  
Zyggy was an Army veteran, serving during World War II. He was employed as a conductor for the Central Vermont Railroad for over 40 years before his retirement. He was a lifelong member of the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen United Transportation Union.   
  
He was married to Betty St. Claire Donnelly on May 7, 1942. She predeceased him. He was later married to June Skewes, who also predeceased him.   
  
Zyggy was an avid sports fan and particularly enjoyed watching his children perform in their athletic careers. He also enjoyed riding on trains and took many trips.   
  
He is survived by three sons, Zygmunt P. Olbrys, Jr. of Flagler Beach, Fla., Gregory K. Olbrys of Waterford, and Jeffrey V. Olbrys of Raleigh N.C.; four grandchildren, Christine Olbrys of Middletown and Victoria, Zachary, and Tyler Olbrys of Waterford; and a sister, Pauline DeWolfe.   
  
He was predeceased by a son, Dudley T. Olbrys.   
  
The funeral service will be held at 10 a.m. Tuesday at the Fulton-Theroux Funeral Home, 181 Ocean Ave., New London. Calling hours will be held from 7 to 9 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.   
  
In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Lawrence (and) Memorial Hospital Development Fund, 365 Montauk Ave., New London CT 06320.

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