



A. Dudley Root

December 31, 1925 - June 19, 2009

A. Dudley Root, 83, of Higganum, husband of the late Evelyn Bostrom Root, died Friday June 19, 2009 at Hartford Hospital. Born in New Britain, Dudley was a graduate of New Britain High School class of 1944, served his country proudly in WWII as a sonarman in the US Navy, and graduated from Bryant College in Rhode Island under the GI Bill. He moved to Berlin in 1958, living there for forty three years before moving to Higganum in 2000. Dudley worked as a bookkeeper for Height Chevrolet in Southington and then worked for the International Harvester dealership in Middletown and later at Equipment Rental Company also in Middletown, retiring in 1983. He was a member of First Lutheran Church in New Britain where he served on the Church Council and Property Committee. Dudley also served as tax collector for the Hidden Lake Association in Higganum for over twenty five years and was also a member of the New Britain American Legion Post 6.

Surviving is a son, Peter Root and his wife Theresa of Kensington along with three grandchildren; Samantha, Wesley and Gina Root, all of Kensington; several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be held Tuesday 10 AM at First Lutheran Church 77 Franklin Square New Britain, CT 06051. Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery. Calling hours are Monday evening 6 to 8 PM at Carlson Funeral Home, 45 Franklin Square New Britain. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the First Lutheran Church Memorial Fund or to the American Diabetes Association, 306 Industrial Park Rd., Suite 105 Middletown, CT 06457. Please

share a memory of Dudley by "clicking GUESTBOOK at the bottom of the page.

Tribute Wall

JC

“ Dear Peter and family,

My brother Henry and I grew up in the Anderson/Root home on Vega Street on the third floor in New Britain. Your dad served as Best Man for my brother and his wife when they were married in 1951. I remember well when Dud and Evelyn were married and I used to visit your mom while she was ironing and I do remember drawing pictures of her and her bridesmaids and giving them to her as a wedding present - haven't thought of that in years! I have a picture somewhere which features your dad, his Uncle Gunnar and me shoveling snow in the back yard sometime during the late 1940's. My mother used to take care of your dad's grandfather when he became blind and the family was out at work. "Pa and Ma" Anderson were sort of surrogate grandparents for me and I was very fond of them. Dud's mom, Agnes, was one of the people who I admired and led me in some ways to my long teaching career. My wife, Joanne, had your grandmother Agnes as a fifth grade teacher and it was she who recognized my wife's academic interests and was the first teacher to really encourage her. The connections are sort of interesting. Celebrating Christmas Eve downstairs with the Andersons is a favorite memory of mine with all of the Swedish smorgasbord treats, a tradition we try to emulate especially with my wife's Swedish father Leonard Ekwurtzel's influence. I also remember several trips to the family cottage at Hidden Lake and going fishing with Gunny. Our families lives have been intertwined over the years. I left Vega Street to get married in 1964 and my parents died in the 1960's. Time does not diminish the mostly happy memories of growing up on Vega Street in a simpler time. My brother joins me in offering our sympathies and we wish you peace.
John Coghill

John D. Coghill - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

DE

“ *To Peter and family,
Your dad was such a nice man. Always a smile and a story about Peter or one of his grandchildren. He truly was a kind spirit and he is now at peace with your mom.
Sincerely,
Deb V.*

Deb - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

PB

“ *Dear Peter,

It was a privilege to be with you and your Dad at the HH and to share in Holy Communion, as he was assured of God's unconditional love. I was so impressed to read about what a special man your Dad is. I also enjoyed becoming aware of the very special relationship you have with your Father and how much he loved you. God bless you and your family with the assurances that Christ our risen Savior gives us.*

Pastor Baumgartner

Passtor Will Baumgartner - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM