



Alexander R. Colwick

May 7, 1915 - October 14, 2003

Alexander R. Colwick, 88, of New Britain, died Tuesday October 14, 2003 at New Britain General Hospital. His wife of 58 years, Helen Anderson Colwick, died in 1992. A lifelong New Britain resident, he graduated Summa Cum Laude from Teachers College of Connecticut now CCSU and did post graduate work at the University of Connecticut. "Al" was a Social Studies teacher and later a Guidance Counselor at Plant Junior High School in West Hartford, retiring in 1977. He was a skilled stain glass craftsman and taught courses on stained glass for New Britain Adult Education. He was a member of First Lutheran Church in New Britain; the Midways Group at the church and was a former church Sunday School Superintendent and member of the Education Committee. Al was also instrumental in the resettlement of Cambodians to the New Britain area in the 1980's; he and his wife Helen became extended family members to many Cambodians. Surviving are two daughters and their spouses, Beverly and Edward Walsh of Wethersfield; and Olivia and Gerald Martinchek of Kensington; a sister, Helen Malone of Berlin; 4 granddaughters, Robin Curtis and her husband David of Rocky Hill; Randi Walsh of South Easton, Mass.; Heidi Holliman and her husband John of Charleston, SC.; and Sara Lomnicky and her husband Wylie of Bristol; 4 great grandchildren, Holly Curtis of Rocky Hill; Wesley Givens, Robin Givens, and Alexander Holliman, of Charleston; three sisters-in-law, Audrey Colwick of New Britain; Lisa Clebowicz of Bristol and Mae Anderson of Farmington; several nieces and nephews. Besides his wife, he was predeceased by four brothers, John, Michael, Donald and George Colwick; and a sister, Agnes Laurie. Funeral services are Saturday 10 AM at First Lutheran Church, 77 Franklin Square, New Britain. Burial will be in Rose Hill Memorial Park. Calling hours are Friday 5 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 for stained glass window restoration. Please share a memory of "Al" with his family on our online guestbook by clicking on "sign memorial guestbook" at the top or bottom of the page.

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“ I worked closely with Olivia for many years and got to know about her Dad. He was a very exceptional guy. I still have the stained glass heart he crafted. Our deepest sympathy goes to Olivia & her family. with love, Helen & Stu

helen and stu hillman - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

JG

“ As a homehealth aide, I took care of Mr. Colwick several times on the weekends. He was always very patient, understanding, and helpful when I took care of his personal needs. I can see why he made such a good teacher. Knowing he was a diabetic, I tried to take care of him early in the morning. It was really a pleasure taking care of him. Please accept my deepest condolences on his death.

Joan C. Gagliardi - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

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“ When I was a little girl, I lived in the colored section of Ledgecrest. Olivia and I were friends. Mr. Colwick taught me how to ride a bike. I also remember him giving Olivia and I quarters for finding 4 leaf clovers. My dad was a drunk, and I was raised in a violent alcoholic home. It was a joy to have the Colwick family in my life. I spent much time away from 50 Davenport St, and much time at 1052 Stanley St.

Bobbie Lee Hudson - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM