



Archie B. Savage, Jr.

November 12, 1929 - October 24, 2011

Archie B. Savage Jr., Ph. D, 81, of New Britain, husband of Susan Strong Savage, passed away Monday October 24, 2011 at the West Haven VA Medical Center. Born in Memphis, TN, he lived in New Britain since 1980. Archie served with the US Army during the Korean Conflict, earned his bachelor's degree from the University of Denver in 1966, his Masters in Education from the University of Maryland in 1971, and his Ph. D from the University of Denver in 1976. As the first African American Special Agent in the United States, he served in counterintelligence for the US government for 22 years. His many foreign assignments included working in Europe and Asia. His second career was spent in administration or as a faculty member of several colleges including Central CT State University. The last 15 years he served as Director of the Office of Affirmative Action at the UConn Health Center.

Archie was an active member and past Senior Warden of St. Mark's Episcopal Church in New Britain. He was heavily involved in community activities at local, state, and national levels. Archie served as chairman of the New Britain, CT Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities; served on the National Board of Directors for the YMCA of the USA, with service on the Jerusalem International YMCA Task Force; and recently retired from the board of

trustees of the New Britain YMCA. He also served on the board of directors of the Association of Mental Health of CT, and on the board of directors of the Community Mental Health Affiliates in New Britain. In addition, Archie served on the board of directors of the United Way, New Britain Public Library, Catholic Family Services, and the Boys & Girls Club. He is a past president of the Rotary Club of New Britain-Berlin. At the time of his death, Archie was serving on the board of directors of the Hospital for Special Care, as acting secretary of the board of directors of the New Britain-Berlin YMCA, and as a sitting member of the board of Fire Commissioners in New Britain.

Besides his wife Susan, he leaves three sons, Carl Thomas Savage and his wife Marie of Conyers, GA; H. Anthony Russell, M.D. and his wife Linda of Los Angeles, CA; and Michael P. Mooney and his wife Jaimee of Nazareth, PA; five daughters, Karen Savage Bradley and her husband Paul of Milwaukee, WI; Barbara Savage of Los Angeles, CA; Antoinette Russell and her husband Michael Mann Lee of Los Angeles, CA; Melissa Perry and her husband Brian of South Windham; and Megan F. Mooney of Colchester; a brother, Youlon D. Savage in Denver, CO; six sisters, Hester Besteda and her husband Walter of Milwaukee, WI; Canary Girardeau of Silver Spring, MD; Rosetta Foote and her husband Jim of Rancho Mirage, CA; Mary Mitchell of Milwaukee, WI; Cecilia Dade-Winfield and her husband George of Silver Spring, MD; and Denise Jones and her husband Thomas of Racine, WI; 18 grandchildren; three great grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by three brothers, Zohn, Daniel and Shelby Gene Savage.

A Memorial Service will be held Saturday 1 PM at St. Mark's Episcopal

Church, 147 West Main Street, New Britain, CT 06051. Burial with military honors will follow in the church Memorial Garden. There are no calling hours. Memorial donations may be made to St. Mark's Episcopal Church or to the New Britain YMCA, 50 High Street, New Britain, CT 06051. The Carlson Funeral Home, New Britain is in charge of arrangements. Please share a memory or note of sympathy by clicking on "Add Condolences" at the bottom of this page.

Tribute Wall

BB

“ Archie was extraordinary. A wonderful friend, comrade and true character. The world is a better place because he passed through and he is missed.

Bill and Peggy Buescher - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

KR

“ In honor of my friend, Barbara Savage, I offer sincere regrets and pray that peace and love will surround the family in this time of loss. What a great man with a great legacy. Rejoice.

Kenadie Cobbin Richardson - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

GD

“ Due to family commitments, I will not be able to attend the service for Archie. I have served on the Hospital for Special Care Board with him for many years. He was a wonderful and caring man. I know that my life is better having known him. He will be greatly missed

Geraldine Devers - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

WF

“ Our deepest sympathy goes out to the family. Dr. Savage was very welcoming and supportive when I arrived to teach as a very young professor at Central Connecticut State University. I will always be appreciative of his encouragement and support.

Sincerely, Dr. W.B. Foster and Dr. Benjamin Foster, Jr.

Walton Brown Foster - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

GB

“ Archie stood tall in the eyes of his Sigma Pi Phi brothers. He will be missed.

Gene Baten - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

RP

“ Archie and I became Rotarians around the same time and although I had to relinquish my membership some years ago because of my job change, Archie and I would frequently meet each other in passing. He always greeted me heartily and had that mischievous little twinkle in his eye. Always smiling and friendly, I value the time we shared and thankful that he entered into our lives as individuals and community. Archie - the angel Gabriel is waiting to do a duet!

Richard Puskarz - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

AR

“ Archie's life is a testament to living life to its fullest. I feel privileged and honored to have known Archie and will always remember his stories and trumpeting at Rotary. Our meetings will not be the same without him...

Anne Ruwet - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

KV

“ Sue - Please accept my heartfelt condolences.
Kelley

Kelley Vecchitto - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

RA

“ My partner in many golf outings, was the consummate gentleman and a pleasure to be with. He will be sorely missed.

Rackliffe, Bob - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

JW

“ *Mr. Savage always was a warm person to be around and had given me some great advice a while back about negotiation and getting people on your side especially when the situation needed it. I'll miss him playing the trumpet especially.*

James Whalen - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

PM

“ *My wife and I send our warm regards to all of the members of the Savage family with the transitioning of such a special soul as Archie. Having come to know Archie over the past six years after decades of intervening years, with Susan, and others, we were amazed by the scope of his life and experiences.*

Long talks of significance with Archie, and at times Susan and others, were remarkable. The depth of his experiences and works clearly affected his manners, style, and dedication.

Paul and Margaret - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

LU

“ *Deepest and most heartfelt condolences to you and your family Susan. Archie was a man of profound kindness and dignity. His trumpet shall triumphantly sound on. W/ kindest and saddest regards, Luisa*

Luisa - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

JL

“ Always with a big smile and an interesting story, Archie will be missed. Serving with him as Special Agents in the US Army in Chicago from 1962 to 1964 was a privilege and honor. May our Lord give him everlasting peace. May God Bless you.

Jim & Mary Ellen Lamparter - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

GD

“ I met Archie at our first reunion at our house more than 20 years ago. He played his cornet to wake our sleepy teen-ager. Our last meeting was in Calabasas, CA, during the last reunion where Archie, Susan, Tom, and I had lunch. We talked, smiled, and laughed. Archie will always be a part of our happy memories.
Susan, our heartfelt condolences. Ginnie Durst

ginnie Durst - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

TD

“ I served with Archie in Army Intelligence from 1962 to 1964. It was a privilege to serve with him and an honor to be his friend for the past 50 years. I will always treasure his stories and his smile. Tom Durst

Tom Durst - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

NL

Archie's volunteer leadership on the National Board of the YMCA and especially the Jerusalem Task Force at a time of significant transition for the Jerusalem International YMCA is most appreciated. He had the back of the men and their families appointed overseas in harm's way.

Norris D. Lineweaver
Director General (Retired)
Jerusalem International YMCA

Norris Lineweaver - June 05, 2024 at 07:18 AM