



Arthur Gibney

March 27, 1926 - March 2, 2012

Arthur J. Gibney, 86, of New Britain, CT, died on March 2, 2012 at home with his family by his side. Art was born in Meriden, CT in 1926, the son of the late Hugh and Mary Dunne Gibney. He graduated from the Teachers' College of Connecticut and enlisted in the US Army Air Force in 1943, serving in the Pacific and Europe until 1946. In 1951, he married Anna, the love of his life, who stayed by his side through the ensuing years and through the last moments of his life. Art continued his education by earning a Master's Degree in Education at Columbia University and a Sixth Year Certificate from UCONN. He started his teaching career as an elementary school teacher in East Hartford and became President of the East Hartford Teachers' Association, working additionally as an adjunct professor of education at CCSC. Art spent the remainder of his career in the West Hartford School System as the Principal of three schools before retiring in 1983. During his time in West Hartford, he initiated several innovative programs related to community education for pre-school children and senior citizens. In retirement, Art continued as a substitute teacher, tutor and mentor for "at risk" students in New Britain. He was active as an aid in the CT Legislature and for the Attorney General's Office, where he developed materials to protect senior citizens from scams. To all those who knew him, he will be remembered for his quick wit and dedication to serving his community.

In addition to his parents, Art was predeceased by his son Kenneth, as well as

four brothers, Hugh Jr., Robert, Edward, James and his wife June, and one sister, Ethel and her husband Robert Schipke. Art is survived by his wife Ann, his sons Kevin, and Arthur and his wife Jody, and a granddaughter Ann Marie. He is also survived by sisters-in-law Mary Betty Gibney, Jane Gibney, Josephine Kulak, Josephine Najdich and brother-in-law and sister-in-law Leonard and Elizabeth Dudek, and several nieces and nephews.

The family wishes to express gratitude for the concern shown from his loyal friends at the YMCA Health Club, and his friends at the State Legislature. Words cannot express our sincere appreciation to all involved in the loving care given to Art as a patient at the Walnut Hill Care Center, especially the staff of South Wing. Special appreciation is extended to VNA Hospice Care.

A Memorial Mass of Christian Burial will be held Saturday March 10th 10 AM at St. Joseph's Church, 195 South Main Street, New Britain, CT 06051. Burial will be at the convenience of the family. There are no calling hours. Donations may be made to Saint Joseph's Church. The Carlson Funeral Home, New Britain is assisting the family with arrangements. Please share a memory or note of sympathy by "clicking" SEND CONDOLENCES at the bottom of the page.

Tribute Wall

ES

“ *I have great memories with Gibney family. All my love from Erika Echo STEARNS-Branan*

Erika Echo Stearns - January 05, 2024 at 03:40 AM

CG

“ *I was a student at Elmwood Elementary in the early mid 60s when Mr. Gibney was principal.*

Christopher Glista - September 19, 2023 at 07:44 PM

JE

“ *To the family and friends of Mr. Arthur Gibney. My thoughts and prayers go out to you. I often think of the fun times we spent together camping at hammonassett. God Bless You All*

Jeff - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

GD

“ To The Gibney Family

It was with sadness that we read of Art's passing in Tuesday morning's Hartford Courant. The first time I met Art was in 1951 when I substituted for him in East Hartford when he married Anna. Later we were long-time colleagues as principals in West Hartford. Not only did Art make significant contributions to the field of Education, but also he continued to give back to his community and the state of Connecticut in his retirement years. We are better off for having been his friend.

With our most sincere sympathy,

Gladys and Bob Dunn - Former Principal - Hall High School

Gladys and Bob Dunn - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

KE

“ Dear Gibney Family, I can only hope that this message reaches you with happy memories of a life with Arthur. As I understand, he was an exceptional man, husband, father and grandfather to those he held dearest. Please except our condolences - Kelly, Sadie and Avery

Kelly - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

SA

“ Dear Ann Marie, I am so sorry about your grandfather's passing. I am thinking about you a lot and hope you're ok. Love, Sadie

Sadie - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

LN

“ *Kevin & Family*

So very sorry to here about you Dad. Remember all the good times with your Dad and it will bring a smile to your face. SORRY!!!

Laura Niewinski - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

KC

“ *Anne,*

I am so sorry about the loss of your husband. May God comfort you and your family. You are in my prayers.

I met you at "Gloria Stevens" where we used to chat. I now go to the PowerHouse and have asked for you but have not seen you. Take good care of yourself.

Karen Cancelliere - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

JG

“ *Ann, Kevin, and Art,*

I am deeply moved by Art's passing. Art and Ann were like parents to me. My brother and sisters also feel the loss.

With love and sympathy,

Joe

Joseph Grikis - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM