



Arthur G. Schmelter

June 5, 1929 - September 13, 2006

Arthur G. Schmelter, 77, of New Britain, husband of Iona Goodrich Schmelter, passed away peacefully Wednesday September 13, 2006 at St. Francis Hospital in Hartford. A lifelong New Britain resident, he was son of the late George Schmelter and Wanda Greger Zitzkat. Arthur graduated from New Britain High School in 1947 and served in the Connecticut State Guard until he was honorable discharged. He worked at Holo-Krom in West Hartford for 15 years. He then furthered his career by earning his degree at the Hartford Institute of Accounting and worked for the Connecticut Department of Income Maintenance for 17 years, until his retirement in 1988. Arthur was responsible for keeping his family united right to the end and will always be remembered for his strong will, sense of humor, generosity and demanding personality.

Besides his wife of 56 years, he leaves three sons, Curt Schmelter and his wife Karen of New Britain; Thomas Schmelter and his wife Lou-Anne of Rocky Hill; and David Schmelter and his wife Diane of Torrington; two daughters, June McGowan of West Hartford and Janet Catucci and her husband Anthony also of West Hartford; two brothers, Richard Schmelter of Vernon; Donald Zitzkat and his wife Virginia of Niantic; 17 grandchildren, Jason and Nathan Schmelter; Gianna Bradford, Tanya LaVallee, Heidi Theriault and Mark Schmelter; Tiffany, David, Jennifer, Heather and McKayla Schmelter; Jamie Ledeau, Kelly Trudell, Jessie and David McGowan; Anthony T. Catucci III and Ashley Catucci; 9 great grandchildren; several nieces and nephews.

Calling hours are Friday 4 to 6 PM at Carlson Funeral Home, 45 Franklin Square, New Britain. A memorial service and talk will follow at 6 PM. Memorial donations may be made to a charity of the donor's choice. Please share a memory or note of sympathy with Arthur's family by clicking on "GUESTBOOK" at the bottom of this page.

Tribute Wall

JG

“ Art, Iona and the kids use to love to come to my Mom and Dad's house on Sundays back in the 60's, and enjoy Mom's 'chopped ham and pickle' sandwiches and her freshly 'perked' coffee.
I was a 'flower girl' in Art and Iona's wedding. While playing during the outdoor reception, I strapped my cowboy double holster toy sixguns over my pretty dress. My Mom Olga Schmelter Bachman never let me forget it!
Sorry we could not be at the funeral as we were attending Susan and Bud's daughter's wedding at the Cape.
Art did indeed have a GREAT sense of humor. I remember him having a jolly laugh that was infectious!
Our sympathies to his large and loving family.
Judy Bachman Gamble and George Gamble

Judy Bachman Gamble - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

DO

“ we would like to extend our sincere sympathy to the whole Schmelter family
memories are wonderful and were sure you have many such a loving family willing to help others. Joe and I are very sorry
for your loss-cant make the services
doris has been sick all week dont want to spread germs.
Love to all
Joe and Doris Aiudi

dorisandjoeaiudi - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

JJ

“ *Diane,
I am sorry for your loss. The write up on your Father-In-Law shows what a great person he was and always will be. Your family is in my thoughts and prayers.*

Jon J Jamaitis - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

ST

“ *Dear Iona, Curt, Karen, Tom, Luanne and family:*

We are so sad to learn of Art's passing and wish we could be there with you at this time. It is times like these that pull at our heart strings because we now live so far away from our dear friends and our spiritual family. We need each other especially during these times, so please know that you are close in our hearts and in our prayers. All of you have been such a big part of our lives through the years and we will treasure those times, always. Iona, we admire you for your faith, your strength, your love for Jehovah and the support you gave to your husband, Art.

We send you our sympathy and love and we pray that all of you will come together as a family to support one another and to rely on our God who comforts and who gives us a wonderful hope for the future.

We miss you all.

Love, Tom and Sue Thibodeau

Sue and Tom Thibodeau - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

LG

“ Dear Mrs. Schmelter, June and Family

I am sorry to hear of your husband and father's passing.

My prayers and thoughts are with you all.

Always, Lorna

Lorna Grivois - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

LF

“ Dear Iona and family,
Mom Joyce Goodrich asked me to tell you that you are all in her thoughts and prayers. I also would like to express my condolences but know for sure that he is in a much better place.

I do not know if you know but Dad Stewart passed away on July 30th in Florida.

God Bless all of you.

Linda Goodrich Fulton

Linda Fulton - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

AG

“ Iona and family, we are so sorry for your loss. We will miss Art's sense of humor, generosity and caring spirit.

You visited us often even though you both were not feeling well, after Art's hip surgeries, cheering us up, keeping us in good company.

You have always been there for us and we will always be here for you. You are in our prayers. Iona, we love you dearly.

Arthur and Betty Goodrich - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM