



Burton A. Kellerstedt

August 2, 1925 - September 11, 2005

Burton A. Kellerstedt, 80, of New Britain, beloved husband of Paulette Danis Kellerstedt, died Sunday September 11, 2005 at New Britain General Hospital. A lifelong New Britain resident, he graduated from New Britain High School with the class of 1943. Burt was a World War II U.S. Army veteran, who was awarded two Bronze Stars and four Purple Hearts during action in the Battle of the Bulge and the relief of Bastone. He was a member of South Congregational-First Baptist Church in New Britain.

Besides his wife Paulette, he leaves a daughter, Sue Drobinski and her husband Edward of New Britain; two sons, Roy Kellerstedt and his wife Cindy of Waterford; and Tim Kellerstedt and his wife Irene of Burlington; a brother, Warren Kellerstedt of Burlington; five grandchildren, Robert Drobinski and his wife April of Maiden, NC; Damien Drobinski of Kensington; Brett Kellerstedt of Ipswich, Mass; Beth and Kurt Kellerstedt, both of Burlington; a great grandson, Xander; several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services with military honors will be held Thursday 11 AM at South Congregational-First Baptist Church, 90 Main Street, New Britain, CT 06051. Burial will be in the church Memorial Garden at the convenience of the family. Calling hours are Wednesday 4 to 8 PM at Carlson Funeral Home, 45 Franklin Square, New Britain. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the South Congregational-First Baptist Church Memorial Fund. Please share a memory

of Burt with his family on our online guestbook by clicking on "GUESTBOOK" at the bottom of the page.

Tribute Wall

DK

“ Our thoughts and prayers go out to all of Uncle Burt's family. He will be greatly missed.

Dan & Cyndy Kellerstedt - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

EN

“ Bert was so knowlegable in the Arms area. Art really admired him and both of us valued his friendship. He will be missed by an untold number of friends.

Elaine

Elaine Nehrbass - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

HM

“ I will always remember a kind, gentle, soft spoken man, that loved his work and contibuted so much to his craft. I still remember the days when I would come to the shop and watch you work with such precision. You taught me a lot. I will always remember you in my thoughts and prayers.

Henry Maietta - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ We send our thoughts and prayers to our friends in this time of sadness. Mr. Kellerstedt will always remain in our hearts as a very special man who served his country and treated his friends with quiet dignity, and generosity. Rest In Peace.

Jay Sonneborn Jr. & Family - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

PM

“ *My most sincere condolences to the entire Kellerstedt family. One of the most vivid memories of my youth was the Kellerstedt house. The whole neighborhood was always welcomed there day or night. I feel personally blessed to have been part of the "extended family". As the lone Jewish kid in the neighborhood I was included in many holiday celebrations. The times I spent on the snowmobile and in the boats with Roy and Timmy will stay with me always. Burt, thanks for all of your kindness. To Paulette, Roy, Timmy and the entire family, you know what a gem Burt was. A gentle and kind man. May those memories always remain in your hearts and memories. I am traveling this week and will be unable to attend the tribute, but my thoughts and best wishes are with you all.*

Phil Marshall

Phil Marshall - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

SM

“ *I salute you, Burt.*

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DK

“ *Euston Street was the greatest place to grow up. We all had various ups and downs but here it is years later and still friends. Burt taught us how to shoot and respect guns; handle a boat, even during a crisis and always had a smile. To Paulette, Sue, Roy and Tim, you are in my prayers and thoughts during this difficult time. Having lost my own parents, pictures and memories and stories are wonderful things to pass on and know you will. I was just looking at a picture when all of our parents used to get together and there is Burt with bananas on his head and the wonderful smile. The fifties were great years.*

Thank you for being part of our life!

Here to the Euston Street Family and wonderful times and memories

Diane Fidi Kellam-Woods - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

VE

“ *We are truly sorry to lose our old friend Burt. We've had many, many good times together over the past 40 years. Our deepest sympathy to Paulette and the rest of the family.*

Vern and Phyllis Eklund - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ *Burt was one of those rare individuals who freely shared his extensive experience and knowledge in the history and products of the Springfield Armory. He will be sorely missed by many. Going to the shows and meetings will not be the same without him.*

JOHN SIEKIERKA - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ My condolences to the friends and family. I have some great memories that will never be forgotten thanks to the hospitality of the Kellerstedt family had given us when we were growing up. He has never been forgotten and will be missed dearly. Sorry for waiting till such a sad time to express my feelings. Thanks Burt for all the memories.

Jerry & Deedee Balukas - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

TW

“ How do you reflect on the impact a friend has made in your life once he is gone? In words we can say we value, cherish and love him. So I must with Burt. He gave of his time, his knowledge, his talent. He shared stories, insights and understanding. Burt provided his encouragement when I and others needed it, his patience when we required it, his humor when we least expected it yet and valued it all the more, and was always available to listen. I will miss Burt. We will miss Burt. Paulette, thank you for sharing him with me and other students and collectors. He was a special friend. The hours I spent with him on the phone, writing his book or articles, at shows , and in your home will always be remembered fondly. God bless.

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

JS

“ I cannot begin to estimate the thousands of miles that Burt and I drove together to visit places relating to our hobby. We were well suited to each other when it came time to include a motel. You see, I snore and Burt was deaf when he removed his hearing aids so we both had a restful sleep and could economize at the same time by getting one room with double beds rather than having to get seperate rooms.

Burt was an absolute genius when it came time to figure out how to make things or to make them work better. He always said, " give a lazy man a job and he will figure out an easy way to do it". He hated to work on wood but he always did what I needed because he knew I understood what he went through to complete the job and when I went out to use it I often was able to win and then report back to him how his effort had paid off for me.

I could go on and on but I will simply say that I will miss all the things that we did together and the discussions we had about searching for new acquisitions or getting a few additional points in my score because of his uncanny ability to make improvements. We are greatly diminished by Burt's passing but better for having been in the company of this great man.

Jay Sonneborn

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DS

“ Dear Sue, Ed, Damian and Rob,
My thoughts and prayers are with you at this sad time.
Hugs, Daria

Daria Savickas - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

VY

“ dear sue and ed and family sorry about the loss of your father our prayers are with you at this time

vincent and mary yedynak - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

DB

“ *Linda and I will not forget the years of wonderful experiences we have had together. Love, Dave & Linda*

David & Linda Burghoff - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

MG

“ *Sue, Ed, Damien & Rob:*

Please know that my love and prayers are with you during this difficult time.

Miriam Geraci - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

BK

“ *I Love You Grandpa.*

Beth Kellerstedt - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM