



Carleton "Cal" Hazen

April 11, 1930 - January 20, 2005

Carleton "Cal" Hazen, 74, of Kensington, died Thursday January 20, 2005 at New Britain General Hospital. Born in Hartford, he lived in Kensington most of his life. He is a graduate of Woodrow Wilson High School in Middletown and later attended Mitchell College in New London. He served with the US Army in Germany during the Korean Conflict. "Cal" was formerly employed at Ferndale Dairy and then at CCSU. He was later a custodian for over 25 years at several Berlin Schools including Willard School, retiring in 2002. He was a member of Kensington Congregational Church; the church Men's Club; was former head of Christian Education, church Keeper of the Keys, and sexton. Surviving are two step sons, Keith Orcutt and his wife Sylvia of Kensington, and Glenn Orcutt and his wife Susan of Eastford; a brother, Robert Hazen and his wife Pamela of Brooklyn, NY; a step grandson, Sean Orcutt of Kensington; his former wife Rita Bernier Hazen of Jupiter FL; an uncle, Robert "Bob" Graham of Kensington; several cousins, including Barbara Orcutt and Graham Hall, both of Kensington; a special friend and sister-in-law, Dorothy Davis of Plainville; several nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by a step son, Wayne Orcutt.

A memorial service will be held Monday 3 PM at Kensington Congregational Church, 312 Percival Ave., Kensington, CT 06037. Calling hours will be Sunday 4 to 7 PM at Carlson Funeral Home, 45 Franklin Square, New Britain. Burial in West Lane Cemetery will be at the convenience of the family. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Kensington Congregational Church

Memorial Fund. Please share a memory of “Cal” with his family on our online guestbook by clicking on "GUESTBOOK" at the bottom of the page.

Tribute Wall

JP

“ *This is a note to Sean O.*

*Sean, I've known your grandfather for several years. He was a kind man with a terrific, but quiet, sense of humor. My last conversation with him was like several I had in the past. It was about you. He was very proud of his very smart grandson. He thought the world of you, something I'm sure you already know. I just wanted to remind you.
Sincerely, Mrs. Phippen*

Jeanne Phippen - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

DO

“ *I was saddened to hear of Cal's death last week but was glad I had a chance to visit with him the week after Christmas. Cal was a quiet, thoughtful man who was always an important part of our family gatherings. He was great with my nephews Josh & Joel, sharing his comprehensive sports knowledge. His work at the Kensington Congregational Church was tireless. Years ago when I would come in from out of town to sing at the church he would be there before us all, making sure the church was open and ready for the service. He was a wonderful friend to my mother, Barbara Orcutt, and enjoyed travelling with her to Vermont to visit my sister Judy. I know I will miss sitting and talking with him the next time we have a family picnic. I keep his family and friends in my thoughts and prayers.*

David Orcutt - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

SJ

“ Cal was a kind, thoughtful and generous person. He was always available to lend a hand at KCC and his easy smile was readily available to all.

Having been a teacher in Berlin Griswold I got to see him on my visits to Willard and it always gave me a lift to be greeted so enthusiastically.

Over the years I had often observed Cal sitting in the vestibule of the church after having rung the bell, he remained there throughout the service....Once i asked him why he didn't come inside until duty called.... he replied that he like the "alone time" it gave him time to think and talk to THE BIG GUY, rolling his eyes upward.

A humble man with a BIG heart..that who Cal was to me.

GOD Bless You CAL. Sally Johnson

Sally Johnson - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ My second cousin, Cal, was one of those quiet people who touched us in many ways. He and my mother, Barbara Orcutt, used to visit us in Vermont and he enjoyed spending time with my sons Josh and Joel and talking sports. Cal's generosity helped make it possible for Joel to spend several weeks playing soccer in Europe when he was a junior in high school. His devotion to the church was immeasurable. He did his job without seeking praise. You could count on him to be there every Sunday morning and you knew everything would be set up just right. We will miss his quiet strength and love.

Judy Cookson - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ When I was younger, my brother and I would spend a lot of time trying to figure out how we were related the various people we would see at holidays in Connecticut. But I remember not being concerned about that with Cal because he was always much more of a friend than a relative. He was one of the first adults I remember having real conversations with--usually about the Red Sox and the Yankees--and he always seemed genuinely interested in what I had to say. I have missed talking to him in recent years, and it saddens me that I won't have the chance to talk with him anymore. Bu I will always be thankful for his friendship.

Joel Cookson - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

SG

“ I had the pleasure of working with Cal at Willard school for 10 years. He was a wonderful man who was always ready to lend a helping hand. Cal was a respected member of our staff and was loved by all who knew him. I will fondly remember our conversations concerning one of my special fourth graders who was a VIP in Cal's life... Sean Orcutt. Cal kept me updated on all of Sean's many successes complete with photographsthrough the years, especially during his visits to Willard after he retired. I always looked forward to hearing Sean's news from Cal who shared all the details with such pride and love. Cal will be missed by all, but we are all better people for having known him.
May he rest in peace.

Sue Gallo - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ My favorite memories of Cal revolve around all the great talks we had about sports over the years. I remember him as a kind and gentle man who helped my brother and I sort baseball cards and play table hockey. Later on, we would see him every year at our family 4th of July party and we would always talk baseball and catch up on the Red Sox/Yankees rivalry. He was a Yankees fan but he never gave me too hard of a time even though I was a Red Sox fan. I think secretly he was a little glad that the Red Sox finally won it all this year. I will miss talking sports with Cal, but mostly I will miss a wonderful man who treated me so well I almost felt like a grandson. My deepest sympathies to his family and friends.

Josh Cookson

Joshua Cookson - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

BS

“ Before I share my memory with you, let me just say that I will truly miss this kind, caring, gentle man. My heart is heavy and sad. I met Cal when I was a little girl after we moved to Kensington when I was six and joined Kensington Congregational Church. He was always there and helped a lot with the children. We all loved Cal. Many years later when I decided to go back into teaching, I started a job at Willard school as a teacher's aide in a Special Ed. classroom. At Willard, Cal was the head custodian and also in charge of handing out supplies to the teachers. And let's just say Cal was very "careful" with his supplies!! One of my first days there, I was sent to get a box of tissues from Cal. I returned with about 4 boxes and upon my return, the other teachers' mouths dropped! They wanted to know how I managed to get so many boxes!!! I had to explain to them that I had known Cal for over 30 years!! Well let's just say, from then on I was the chosen supply-getter!! I didn't mind though, it gave me an opportunity to go and visit my friend and he always put a smile on my face. We always greeted each other with a hug and a kiss.

This community has lost a very kind, caring, sweet man and I don't think anyone could ever take his place. He has left a void in our lives.

God bless his family and know that there are others who share in your grief.

I love you Cal

BETSY

Betsy Scheer - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM