



## Charles "Bill" Rathbun

April 24, 1933 - August 1, 2012

Charles "Bill" Rathbun, 79, of New Britain, husband of Shirley Penney Rathbun, passed away Wednesday August 1, 2012 at the Hospital of Central CT. Born in Avon, son of the late Harry and Hazel Brown Rathbun, he lived in New Britain for the past 50 years. Charles worked at the Fafnir Bearing Company for 27 years, retiring in 1993. He was a member of St. Mark's Episcopal Church in New Britain; the United Auto Workers Local 376; was a former bowler at the Laurel Lanes in Plainville; and had volunteered as a baker for the New Britain School System.

Besides Shirley, his loving wife of 50 years, he leaves four sons, Raymond Leidel of New Britain; David Leidel of Cheyenne, WY; Bryan Rathbun and his wife Lisa of Bristol; and James Rathbun and his companion Shelley Derosiers of Meriden; two daughters, Brenda Stedman and her husband Wayne of New Britain; and Tami Wiley and her husband Ricky, also of New Britain; 17 grandchildren; 17 great grandchildren; several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services are Saturday 10 AM at St. Mark's Episcopal Church, 147 West Main Street, New Britain, CT 06051. Burial will be in the church memorial garden at the convenience of the family. Calling hours are Friday 5 to 8 PM at Carlson Funeral Home, 45 Franklin Square, New Britain. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to St. Mark's Episcopal Church. Please share a memory or note of sympathy by clicking on "Add Condolences" at the

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“ *Eternal rest grant unto Bill, O Lord, and may perpetual light shine upon him.*

*- with prayers from the clergy of St. Mark's Episcopal Church*

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**The Reverend Hope H. Eakins** - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

CB

“ *Bryan and family,  
I am so sorry for your loss. Know I am thinking of you at this difficult time.*

*Clarissa*

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**Clarissa Basch** - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

PJ

“ *Jim and family  
may your memories bring you peace*

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**Pat Johnson** - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

SR

“ *I wanted to see my grandpa beacuse he is important me but it was time for him to go he is going to be a angel forever and im going to pray.*

*Memory:I had to take care of him when i lived in ct and give him coffee and we watched tv and i was a grandpas girl i was always with him*

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**stephanie rathbun** - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

SR

“ I wanted to see my grandpa beacuse he is very important to me but it was time for him to go and he is in my heart and im praying for him and he is going to be an angel forever cuz he started a new life up in heaven

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**stephanie rathbun** - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

MV

“ Beacuse im fair away i will never forget u beacuse u will be in my heart and i will pray for you everyday.

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**marta vega** - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

JL

“ We are sorry to hear about your loss. We will keep your family in our thoughts and prayers. He was always so good to the kids.

*Sincerely,  
Jessie, Ron, Bridgette, Chantel and Spencer.*

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**Jessie Laberge** - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

CA

“ A wonderful loving man. He welcome me and my family into his family. My kids all called him grandpa. He was a blessing to have a part of my life and was honored to be apart of his. To his family " may you find comfort in the arms of an angel". Always know he walks beside you but in the hardest times that's when he carries you.

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**carla** - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

SB

“ Dear Bryan,

*I was so very sorry to learn the sad news of your dad's death. I hope your memories will comfort you in the days ahead.*

*Sandy*

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**Sandra Baker** - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

RG

“ Grandpa / dad

*I know I was blessed to have you as a grandfather you were always there for everyone you also raised 6 beautiful kids that grew to be awesome people. I did follow in you cooking ways I will definitely not forget your breakfast on Saturday mornings before bowling. Well I know you are there looking over all of us love you grandpa / dad*

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**Robert giove** - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

AC

“ Dear Bryan and Family,

*Please accept my sincerest condolences on the passing of your father. My thoughts and prayers are with you and please know we are thinking of you.*

*With deepest sympathy,*

*Alice*

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**Alice Chrystal** - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

PJ

“ Dear Bryan, I'm so sorry to hear of your Dad's passing. Please accept my love and prayers - I know how hard it is when this happens. I'm thinking of you and wishing you peace in your heart.  
Love, Priscilla

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**Priscilla Jackson** - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

JE

“ Grandpa thank you for taking me in as one of your granddaughters it means a lot knowing im a part if this loving family. I'm going to miss you dearly but you will always be in my heart and will always be missed. I love you XOXO

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**Jessica** - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

DL

“ Dad.. There is so much hurt and pain in my heart right now because your gone. But as the days, weeks and years move on that will turn into joy and celebration that I was able to be your son and share the most memorable times with you. Thank you for eveything Dad you will be loved and missed for the rest of my life.

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**David Leidel** - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

SR

“ Bryan,

*My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family at this time of loss. On behalf of the Riggles Family, I want to extend my deepest sympathy on the passing of your father.*

*Peace, prayers and blessings.*

*With Sympathy,  
Susan*

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**Susan Riggles** - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

RA

“ *Dad u will be missed I will never forget u and all alot of people were at the hostipal for u*

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**Ray** - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

BE

“ *It's absolutly amazing how much of an amazing person you were. I cant find one day, 25 years of life... Where you were absent on your unconditional love. So many memories you have imbedded in my brain. You and Nana glue this family together. The binds to this huge chapter book. You werent just my grandfather, you were my father also. Like a father you stood there tieing you tie, explaining how its done. Its funny how I remember word for word what you said. "when you get older and get married you will have to do this for your husband" Grandpa It stuk because I taught junior how to tie his tie. I know this isnt goodbye forever. Its only goodbye for now. I love you, and Ill carry you rite besiside my father in my heart forever. Time to show them up there how its done. R.I.P*

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

KA

“ This is your grand daughter katelynn I just want to say I love u and I will miss u thank you for everything you did for me also thank you for my jewelry box I also like when you made thing for are christmas tree. I LOVE YOU xoxo

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**Katelynn** - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

TA

“ I know I will always be daddys little girl you are gone but always in my heart I hope I made you proud I always looked up to I tryed with the cooking but yeah we all know that wasn't for me so went with the factory side I was always proud to call you my dad when everyone thought you were my gradfather and your grandchildren will always love there papa when we hear thunder we know its you up there and I know you are in a better place and I am ok knowing I have my gaurdian angel love always your baby girl

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**tami** - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM