



Dr. Alexander E. Clebowicz

March 13, 1912 - October 5, 2002

Dr. Alexander Clebowicz PH.D., 90, of Bristol, a native of New Britain, son of the late Anthony and Mary Bura Clebowicz died Saturday after a long illness at Plainville Health Care Center. He was educated in the New Britain School System, earned a Bachelor of Science degree from Central Connecticut State University then TCC, a Masters degree and a doctorate in mathematics from Columbia University. During his career, he taught mathematics at New Britain High School and for 34 years at Central Connecticut State University before retiring in 1979. During WWII, he taught mathematics in the war training program Engineering, Science, and Mathematics War Training, for the University of Connecticut. He was also engaged in post graduate studies at MIT and Wesleyan University.

He was a member of Phi Delta Kappa, an honors society in education and he served on the Board of Directors of the Association of Teachers of Mathematics in Connecticut.

In 1975, he was the recipient of the Distinguished Service Award for meritorious achievement in teaching and research from CCSU, and in 1986, he received the Kaiser Alumni Service Award for his 20 years of service on the CCSU Athletic Board.

Dr. Clebowicz is survived by his wife Florence Anderson Clebowicz of Bristol, a son Wallace Clebowicz and his companion Rose McWaid of Hartford, a granddaughter, Jennifer Ferrchi and her husband Chris of Brooklyn Heights NYC., a brother Martin Clebowicz and two sisters and their husbands,

Elizabeth and Robert Peterson and Emily and George Piehl all of New Britain, and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be held Tuesday 10 AM at Carlson Funeral Home 45 Franklin Square New Britain. Burial will follow in Rose Hill Memorial Park in Rocky Hill. Calling hours will be held Monday October 7th from 5 to 8 PM at Carlson Funeral Home. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the First Lutheran Church Memorial Fund 77 Franklin Square New Britain, CT 06051. Please take a moment to share a memory of Alexander with his family by clicking on "sign memorial guestbook" at the top of the page.

Tribute Wall

KP

“ *My sincerest sympathies. Dr. Clebowicz was my favorite professor at CCSC. What a keen mind, a wonderful demeanor, and role model. My vision of him, twenty three years later, is still quite vivid. Of course, he is smiling. The world has lost a real treasure. God Bless, Keith Palmer*

Keith Palmer - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

DD

“ *Dear Lisa and the rest of Al's family - You don't need me to remind you how much Al was loved, enjoyed, respected and admired by all those whose lives he touched. He was definitely one of a kind! I count myself doubly blessed to have known Al both as one of his students and as one of his colleagues. When it comes to fond memories of "the Clebe", as they say in the song, "... I could write a book!" "The day he showed up to teach our class wearing jacket and tie above painty dungarees, claiming that his hall mirror only came down to the waist. Or at our senior ball, when we all backed away toward the walls to give you and Al room to show us all what REAL ballroom dancing looked like. Then there was the time I had the temerity, as a fledgling member of the faculty at Central, to question President Welte publicly. Al gathered me beneath his wing and took me to see Edna Mae Soule, who arranged for me to become a member of CSEA and more than likely saved my job. And these are just a few of the many memories of Al that I truly treasure. Thanks for letting me share. You have my warmest wishes and most loving prayers. Del*

Del Elmer F. Delventhal - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

HT

“ *My deepest sympathies and condolences are offered to Mrs. Clebowicz and the family.*

I was pleased to meet the good professor again this last June and have the opportunity to express my thanks personally for the wonderful inspiration he has provided over the years. And all of his comes from one year of Plane Geometry in the 11th grade.

The lessons I learned in that one class came back to be many times in my 34 years of service in the Navy and Marine Corps: learn to think for yourself and then be responsible for your decisions. If you are wrong, go back and analyze the process and see where your thinking is wrong, correct it and then move on.

Dear Professor Clebowicz, you may be gone physically but your lessons live with me until I too shall pass.

God Bless you for your wonderful teaching and dedication.

Sincerely,

*Herb Tiede
Colonel USMC Retired
Class '47*

Herb Tiede - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

DH

“ We are saddened at the passing of Alex Clebowicz and extend our deepest sympathy to his wife and family. We grieve with them upon the loss of a dear man.

Alex was a highly respected, well-loved professor, with a gentle manner and a twinkle in his eyes. He had a smile for all. He so deserved all the accolades bestowed upon him during his distinguished career

Alex was a friend and colleague of my father, Herbert Welte, who held him in highest esteem. We feel honored in having known him.

Sincerely,

Dick and Eileen Harris

Dick and Eileen Harris - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

LB

“ To Elizabeth - Sincere sympathy from your fellow classmates. New Britain High School Class of 1942

Lois Blomstrann - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ Ray and I were saddened to learn of the passing of your husband/father/grandfather/ family. We were fortunate to have had Al as a friend and teacher. Class '57

Janet Sinkiewicz Sola Mrs.Ray - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

WA

“ I am saddened to have read of Dr Clebowicz's passing in today's Courant Sunday. As a 72' graduate of CCS"C" BS Mathematics, my fondest memory of Dr Clebowicz is his ability to include humor as well as rigor into his instruction each day. Many of "us" who were fortunate enough to have had the "professor", have emulated his teaching philosophy and manner as we formed our individual styles. I still cannot figure out how he could remove is vest without taking off his jacket!. A great man and a wonderful source of inspiration to the hundreds of young people he instucted over the years. My condolences to the family.

William G. Arel - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM