



Ernest A. Nelson

September 7, 1922 - April 19, 2004

Ernest A. Nelson, 81, of New Britain, husband of Eleanor Hjelm Nelson, died Monday April 19, 2004 at Brittany Farms Health Center in New Britain. A New Britain native and lifelong resident, Ernie was a graduate of New Britain High School, class of 1941, and attended Hartford Art School University of Hartford. He was a World War II U.S. Army Air Force Veteran, serving in North Africa and Italy. He owned and operated Nelson Painting and Decorating in Newington and later worked at John Boyle Painting Company and its affiliate, Painting and Decorating Inc. retiring after 21 years. An active member of Bethany Covenant Church in Berlin, Ernie was a former Sunday School Teacher, Deacon and High League Counselor. He was a former member of the Newington Kiwanis Club and former president of the New Britain Exchange Club. He was also a member of the New Britain Elks Lodge # 957, served as State Elk's Association Representative to the Newington Veterans Hospital and was a former recipient of Elk's Man of the Year. Ernie was appointed to the New Britain Building Commission, serving for 17 years and seven as its Chairman.

Besides his wife Eleanor, he leaves two sons, John D. Nelson and his wife Katharine of Branford; Ernie Nelson and his wife Anh of Elmsford, NY; a sister, Evelyn Fox and her husband Harold of Bloomfield; three grandchildren, Sarah, Ethan, and Linnea Nelson; a niece and two nephews.

Funeral services are Friday 10 AM at Bethany Covenant Church, 785 Mill Street, Berlin, CT 06037. Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery. Calling hours are

Thursday 5 to 8 PM at Carlson Funeral Home, 45 Franklin Square, New Britain. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Bethany Covenant Church Building Fund. Please share a memory of Ernie with his family on our online guestbook by clicking on "guestbook" at the bottom of the page.

Tribute Wall

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“ *Just heard of Ernie's passing, my condolences to his Family; I got to know Ernie thru his golf Foursome at Stanley, which my late Father was part of; always had a good word for me, I enjoyed his company during the rounds of golf I played with their group, he will be missed.....BOB MAIKOWSKI*

Bob Maikowski - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

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“ *Dear Mrs. Nelson, Ernie, John and Family:*

I am sorry for your loss. You are in my thoughts and prayers. I will never forget all the Saturdays Eleanor & Ernie spent with my mom & dad, the Walkers, and the Bobbers at the Pulaski Football games.

Laurie Gregory Matczak - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

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“ *My fond memory of Ernie was of 2 special times. He was helping my Dad, Albin Kaupas, wallpaper my kitchen and bathroom. It was like a scene out of the movie "Grumpy Old Men" with Jack Lemon and Walter Matthau. They were both fighting and arguing on how to do the job. They were the best of friends and always knew how to do it better. Ernie is now with Dad, painting and wallpapering the heavens. Ernie will always be in my heart for helping my Dad. Always,,,, Bunny*

Bunny Kaupas Kowalczyk - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM