



Harry Oke Wennberg

September 26, 1937 - January 16, 2023

Harry Oke Wennberg, 85 of Southington, passed away Monday (January 16, 2023) surrounded by his family, at the Hospital of Central CT in New Britain. Born in New Britain, son of the late S. Harry and Hildur (Carlson) Wennberg, he lived in Southington since 1987.

A graduate of New Britain Senior High School, Class of 1956, he enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps four days after his graduation. Upon completion of Boot Camp at Parris Island he was slated to go to the U.S. Embassy in Sweden as he was fluent in the Swedish language. Instead, he was assigned to join the Flagship U.S.S. Northampton CLC-1, serving on the Staff of Vice Admiral Pirie. After his Honorable Discharge, he married his high school sweetheart, Beverly Peterson.

Beverly passed away in 2009, shortly before they celebrated their 50th anniversary.

He was formerly employed at the Fafnir Bearing Company in the marketing department, then worked for Arrow Hart in Hartford as an Advertising/Sales manager, and later at Union Carbide – Autolite in Danbury, representing brands such as STP, Prestone, Simonize and Glad, as an exhibit/ convention manager, until his retirement.

Harry served the City of New Britain as a Parks Commissioner, ran for a City Alderman position and was on the Construction Board for several New Britain Buildings. He was former Chairman of the New Britain High School Class of 1956 Reunion Committee for over 50 years and was on the New Britain High

School Building Committee. He was the Vice Chairman of the New Britain Centennial publication and a proud charter member of the Marine Corp League. Harry was President of the Spring Lake Village Condo Association for 30 years and was a long term active member of the SVEA Social Club. Surviving is his daughter Tracy Somers and her husband Douglas of Southington and his grandsons, Kyle and Glen Somers, both of Southington; a sister-in-law, Debbie Peterson of Newington, and a niece, Melinda "Mindy" Trentacosta of Cheshire.

Funeral services are Monday (January 23, 2023) 10 AM at Carlson Funeral Home, 45 Franklin Square, New Britain. Burial, with military honors will be in Oak Hill Cemetery, Southington. Calling hours are Sunday 3 PM to 6 PM at Carlson Funeral Home. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Hardware City Detachment, Marine Corps League, PO BOX 115 New Britain CT 06050-0788.

Please share a memory or note of sympathy at www.carlsonfuneralhome.com

Cemetery Details

Oak Hill Cemetery

95 Flanders Rd
Southington, CT 06489

Previous Events

Calling Hours

JAN 22. 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Carlson Funeral Home
45 Franklin Square
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Tribute Wall

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“ A great person and class mate of 1956 New Britain High School. He will be missed by many.

Sandy Kirby

Sandra W Kirby - January 20, 2023 at 09:35 AM

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“ I had the privilege to work alongside Harry at First Brands Corporation and he was most conscientious colleague I've ever known. If Harry O was on it you could rest easy and consider it done! Love ya Harry.

Tom Lindberg - January 20, 2023 at 05:13 AM

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“ Sending thoughts and prayers to family and friends. I always admired how hard Harry worked and his commitment and dedication to his clients. A lovely man with a huge heart! May all your memories be a blessing!

Adrienne Barker - January 19, 2023 at 09:26 PM

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“ *My whole family is so sorry to learn that Harry has passed. Harry was like a brother to our father, Herb, and a sister to our mother, Gloria. And to me and my siblings, he was a wonderful friend.... and to the entire staff of our company, Harry and Bev were part of the Barker Specialty Company family..*

To Tracy and your entire family, our hearts, prayers and sympathies are extended to you. Harry was an amazing gentleman-- always considerate, kind and caring. Harry "O" will be greatly missed but his memory is deeply carved in all of us.

With warm regards, Gerry Barker

Gerald Barker - January 19, 2023 at 08:11 PM