



## John A. Kaestle

February 27, 1932 - May 14, 2021

John A. Kaestle, 89, of Avery Heights, Hartford, husband of Louise Kaestle, passed away Friday May 14, 2021 at his home. Born in Jamaica, Long Island, New York, he was a longtime Newington resident, before moving to Hartford in 2015. John received an Architectural Degree from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in Troy, NY. He received a Master's Degree from Princeton University and was a Fullbright Scholar, studying in Germany. A US Army veteran of the Korean Conflict. In 1964, John was a Founding Partner of the architectural firm of Kaestle-Boos in New Britain, retiring in 1996. He was a member of South Church in New Britain (for 60 years), the New Britain Rotary Club, the New Britain-Berlin YMCA and was a former member of the Saturday Night Club.

Besides his wife, John leaves three sons, John M. Kaestle and his wife Denise of Mercer Island, WA and Peter W. Kaestle and his wife Sandra of Seattle, WA, and Philip Kaestle and his wife Jacquelyn of Delray Beach, FL; and a daughter, Karen Kaestle/Myslik and her husband James Myslik of Chester, CT; nine grandchildren; three great grandchildren and an eagerly awaited fourth great granddaughter. John was predeceased by a sister, Elizabeth Kaestle.

John enjoyed fishing with his grandchildren at the family lake cottage in the Berkshires. He was particularly proud of designing and building a cottage in western Massachusetts which remains a popular gathering place for the family.

A memorial service will be held at South Church in New Britain, CT on Saturday June 19 at 11:00am. All are welcome with reception to follow. Private burial will be in the church memorial garden. There are no calling hours. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the New Britain-Berlin YMCA, 50 High Street, New Britain, CT 06051 or to the Doctors Without Borders USA PO Box 5030, Hagerstown, MD 21741-5030. Carlson Funeral Home, New Britain, is assisting the family with arrangements. Please share a memory or note of sympathy with the family at [www.carlsonfuneralhome.com](http://www.carlsonfuneralhome.com)

# Cemetery Details

## South Church Memorial Garden

90 Main Street  
New Britain, CT 06051

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

JUN **19**. 11:00 AM (ET)

South Church  
90 Main Street  
New Britain, CT

# Tribute Wall

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“ John was a great member and volunteer of the New Britain YMCA for many years. Leader, contributor, advisor and internationalist - John served on our Board of Directors for nearly 20 years, chaired our Building & Grounds Committee, chaired our International Committee and led our annual World Service Fund Drive. He was also a friend and mentor. By his example, dedication, knowledge and hard work (he never said "no") John helped bring our great YMCA through many challenging and creative times. He could always be counted on.

*I am sorry Francine and I could not attend his memorial service. He will be sorely missed.*

*Doug Bray & Francine Austin*

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**Doug Bray** - June 23, 2021 at 01:12 PM



“ A sympathy card was purchased for the family of John A. Kaestle.



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June 03, 2021 at 11:37 AM

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“ Sincere condolences to Lee and her family. Memories of playing Bridge with Lee at Shuttle Meadow and also at Avery with John substituting for us. Both John and Lee hosted lunches for our group at Avery, which were wonderful. I remember that John loved his dog and would take him on long walks. So sorry for your loss.

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**Helen Kusek** - May 23, 2021 at 09:10 AM

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*I knew John from his long time serving as Building Chair of the New Britain Public Library, where he drew plans for many renovation projects, which allowed us to secure City, State and Federal funding. Without John's generous contributions of time, expertise, and guidance, these projects would have been impossible to accomplish. He also personally mentored can me in dealing with contractors and the like and I admired him greatly as a result of working so closely with him for many years. My deepest condolences to his wife Lee, his children and their spouses, grandchildren and great-grandkids - he was certainly a wonderful patriarch to his entire family and will be sorely missed by many people in addition to them.*

*Marci Limberger, retired Business Manager of  
New Britain Public Library*

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**Marci Limberger** - May 24, 2021 at 04:50 PM

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“ To our Eddy Lane neighbors and friends, our sincere condolences go out to you with the passing of “Mr. Kaestle”. We all had a unique neighborhood in that everyone knew each other and all of us “kids” spent hours outside whether it was hit the bat in the street, around the world at your basketball hoop, or playing cards in the backyard. I will always remember Mr. Kaestle leaving or pulling into the driveway in his beloved Mercedes. Again from our family to yours, sincere condolences.

*Steve Prigodich and family*

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**Steve Prigodich** - May 23, 2021 at 08:17 AM

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*Thanks Steve, appreciate the comments. Best to you, your family and Lynn of course! JMK*

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**John Kaestle** - May 26, 2021 at 10:10 AM