



Joseph F. Bendza

January 29, 1917 - April 6, 2004

Joseph F. Bendza, formerly of Newington, died Tuesday April 6, 2004 in Huntingtonbeach, CA. Joseph was the husband of Clara Brunetto Bendza who passed away in Feb of 2000. Born in New Britain, he lived in Newington since 1946 until moving to California in 2001. Joseph was employed at the University of Hartford in the Carpenter Shop for over nine years retiring in 1982. He was a member of Local 97 Carpenters Union and worked for several area contractors. Joseph was a member of South Congregational-First Baptist Church in New Britain; a former member of Walnut Hill Lodge #139 AF & AM now Unity Lodge in New Britain; a member of Sequin Lodge # 140 AF & AM in Newington; and Eastern Star Chapter #115 in Newington.

Surviving is a daughter, Paula Lillis and her husband Robert of Huntington Beach, CA; a brother, Stephen Bendza and his wife Mildred of New Britain; a sister, Mary Domijan of Naples, FLA; five grandchildren, Brian Lillis, Christine Dockery, Jennifer Lillis, Jonathan Lillis, and Cynthia Lillis, all of Huntington Beach, CA; several nieces and nephews.

A memorial service at South Congregational-First Baptist Church will be held at a later date. Burial will be in the Memorial Garden at the church. Donations may be made to South Congregational-First Baptist Church, 90 Main Street, New Britain, CT 06051 or to the Masonic Home & Hospital, 22 Masonic Avenue, P.O. Box 70, Wallingford, CT 06492-7001. Carlson Funeral Home, New Britain is assisting the family with arrangements. Please share a memory of Joseph with his family on our online guestbook by clicking on "guestbook"

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