



Justus Beach

October 31, 1920 - August 10, 2007

Justus S. "JB" Beach, 86, of New Britain, widower of Lillian Fleming Beach, died peacefully, Friday August 10, 2007 at Hospital of Central Connecticut in New Britain. A New Britain native and longtime resident, he was son of the late Edward B. and Laura Comstock Beach. A graduate of New Britain High School, Class of 1939, he received his Bachelors in Education from Teachers College of Connecticut now CCSU in 1943; his Masters in Education and Doctorate in Education Administration from Columbia University. A Naval Officer in WWII, he began his educational career teaching fourth grade in West Hartford, moving to Milford, CT to become Principal at Seabreeze and Woodmont Schools. In 1960 he returned to CCSU as a Professor in the Education Department. He also served several terms as Head of the Education Department at the college, retiring in 1989. JB was a former Moderator of South Church where he also served on numerous church committees. He was a member of the New Britain Symphony Board of Directors; the Saturday Night Club; the New Britain Salvation Army Advisory Board and supported many other civic organizations. Dedicated to Public Education, he was a consultant to the CT Association of Alternative Schools and Programs and recently was active in getting funding for Trinity-On- Main.

Surviving are two daughters, Justine C. Beach of New Britain and Laurel B. Tyrrell and her husband Richard of Central, Alaska; two sons, Edward F. Beach of New Britain and Howard C. Beach and his wife Deborah of Milton, Mass; 8 grandchildren; two great granddaughters; several nieces and nephews. Besides his wife Lillian, he was predeceased by two grandchildren, Jacob B. Tyrrell and Jillian M. Beach; three brothers, Fred, Ted and Howard Beach; and a nephew, Rod Beach.

A memorial service will be held Wednesday 11 AM at South Church, 90 Main Street, New Britain. Calling hours are MONDAY 5 to 8 PM at Carlson Funeral Home, 45 Franklin Square, New Britain. If you wish to make a donation in his memory in lieu of flowers, please consider the Justus Beach Scholarship Fund, c/o CCSU Foundation, PO Box 612, New Britain, CT 06050 or to Trinity-On- Main, 69 Main Street, New Britain, CT 06051. Please share a memory or note of sympathy by clicking on "GUESTBOOK" at the bottom

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Tribute Wall

KD

“ *Dr. Beach was truly a gentleman of the old school, as well as a substantial, kind and wise mentor.*

A descendant of an old and prominent family of New Britain, he was more aware than most of the importance of preserving our common understanding of our community's heritage. In that spirit, he was instrumental in my efforts to have South Church accept the National Register nomination that the then-current clergy of that parish were attempting to have rejected.

As the long-time patriarch of the first of the founding families who broke the hold of the Standing Order, Dr. Beach seemed to embody in so many ways the precepts of religious liberty.

The heavens must surely rejoice now that he and Lil are together again.

Kenneth C. Decker - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

PB

“ *Members of CCSCU class of '67 spent many a day and night w/JB and Lil. Hot chocolate, soda or milk...that's what we got until after graduation day when a few of us stayed close and would picnic w/them at The Shakespeare Thater in Stratford..then it was on to his sidecars...how special he has been to this group for all of these years. EVery Christmas card, every phone call was important...My last memorable "in-house" visit was 11 years ago with my husband and our 20 year old college son in tow...he was so happy to spend the afternoon getting to know these wonderful people...I visited after that...often to find JB in the garden and Lil being her beloved self. God Bless them both*

Pattie Ball Bello - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

RG

“ *I will always remember JB as the outstanding lecturer that I first met at my college in Yorkshire; truly inspirational. When I subsequently visited America, Lil and JB both took me in as a stranger in a foreign land and characteristic of these amazing people, they extended such great warmth and kindness it cemented a friendship that was to be sustained through these many years despite the span of oceans. It was lovely to be able to share my family with them when they visited us in England. On their last visit - with JB's usual enthusiasm for travel - we were also able to meet Tina and we would love to be able to continue that friendship into the future. Our thoughts are with you now and always.*

Love Rob, Helen, Mike and Suzi

Rob and Helen Gregg - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

JV

“ We are grateful for the professional and personal support that JB gave to us. We were continuously amazed at his energy and openness to new ideas and people. JB and Lil will always remain in our minds as a team who complimented each other in so many ways -- their commitment to community building at CCSU and other New Britain institutions will be greatly missed. We are confident that their spirit of contribution will be carried on by their children and grandchildren.
Lee and Jane

Jane and Lee VanBremen - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

MP

“ Ed,
I found out about your loss today. I'm very sorry to hear about your father. I know what it's like to lose a father. I hope you know you are in my prayers.

Michelle Perry - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

DE

“ I knew Justus when I was a student at Shanti. He was my "T" group leader. I liked his relaxed and gentle nature and how he won our trust with his easy-going manner.
I also had the pleasure of visiting JB and his wife in their home with our school principal, Gene Mulcahy.
JB gave alot to many and I feel grateful to have been touched by his generous heart.

Deborah Ennis - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

OB

“ Ed,
My deepest sympathy to you and your family. I'll request prayers for your dad from the Association of Marian Helpers.
May God Bless you and your family,
Olga Brandl

Olga Brandl - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

TJ

“ We remember JB's portrayal of "Snow White" at a Youth activity years ago in Cooper Hall. JB was my professor, mentor and sponsor at South Church. He taught me as an educator to never take things TOO seriously. We will miss him, but a part of him will always be with us...

The Joslyns - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

RO

“ JB and Lil were two of our favorite people. Some of our fondest memories of them were on a tour together through Scotland and the Orkney Islands in 1990. And the great fun at their presidential election night parties, even though we lost more than we won, will bouy us on. Dona and I are saddened at the loss of JB and an end of a great friendship in our lives. JB's ever present enthusiasm and wit will always be in our memories. We were fortunate to be two of his countless friends.
Reed and Dona Ostrander

Reed and Dona Ostrander - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

LH

“ JB was such a lively person. I can still remember him when I first met him in college, always seeming to be laughing about something and he was such a great contributor.

Louis Harper - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

ES

“ JB was committed to South Church and to the Arch Street neighborhood it shares with the Friendship Center. His humor was infectious. A truly good man - we need more like him.

Ellen Perkins Simpson - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

JG

“ Dear Ed and Family,

We were so sorry to hear about the loss of your Dad. We had only met him a few times, however even in those brief visits it was very apparent he lead a very interesting, fulfilled life. I know he will be missed greatly.

Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

Alison and Jeff

Jeff and Alison Greene - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

WC

“ Dear Howie, Deb, Ed, Kris , Megs & Richie *;

There are certainly no words to express the deep sadness we all feel for each of you. In just over 2 yrs. the tragedies bestowed upon this family have been immense and I can only bow my head and pray that this ends. I must say I was shocked at the departing of your Dad, Father-in-law & Grandfather, “JB”, a giant in our eyes. Admired by so many including my family he will be truly missed as “Lil” has been so missed. JB, to us: a simple eccentric man with incredible qualities. Always kind, loving, greeted with hugs and kisses. Always dancing with his granddaughter’s and my own girls who truly loved and idolized this wonderful man. His love of education and knowledge fascinated me, a true mentor without ever knowing others took so much from him. Hanging on to every word this man said when you would have those great discussions around the table on any topic. Always walking away with something new I was unaware of and treasuring the genius in this man. I can’t recall ever admiring two incredible older folks who touched our lives, "JB & Lil," how I can only wish to find that true Love they both had for one another, their energetic and busy ways always on the go enjoying every bit of Life. Devoted Grandparents, truly devoted. It is hard not to speak of both of this wonderful couple I was blessed to have met so many years ago. As we know it has never been the same since the loss of your mom/in-law, the absence was/is huge and now with "JB".

I pray now they are reunited, their Love to continue on and the Guardian Angel now of his 2 young grandchildren, Jillian & Jacob, now completely safe in the arms of their grandfather. Who better than “JB” to keep them extra safe. As we comfort each other here on this earth I know the Love from above will continue to bless each of you. I pray some comfort comes your way and behind so many stories to tell, the laughter will over power your sadness.

*I am truly sorry Howie, Deb, Kris, Ed, Megs and Richie *…..You are in our thoughts, our prayers and we Love you all very much and we are always here:*

Forever & Always, “my candle remains lit”

Love, Winnie, Tanya & Ashley ox

Winnie, Tanya & Ashley Connor - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

HC

“ My family and I have known JB all of our lives. When younger we all enjoyed the First Baptist Church in NB. JB was a great person and a good friend. I will miss him and trust he is in God`s care..

Herbert Coates - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ Our families have always been closely tied together. From going to church, to Sunday afternoon visits, to family gatherings, no matter the distance, it was always important to get together, and the house was always full of people. There was always room for one more at the table. As a result, our memories of "JB" include: how easy he was to talk to, how empathetic and understanding he was, and how supportive he was. He had a wonderful sense of humor and a joy for living and learning. He will be greatly missed.

Jan, Dick, Jeremy & Christopher Bradbury - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

DL

“ * Braiding my hair so tightly before church on Sundays that my eyes pulled
* Giving me strength to my convictions when I needed it, helping me see the good in a challenging situation.
* Step Falls - being the crazy adult who went down the scary slide, even if later in life, he didn't admit to breaking his leg on that same slide!
* Home made rhubarb wine
* A great listener.
* A wonderful friend to my parents along with Lill who are now finally joined together in a great game of bridge, and probably new wondrous adventures that we can only begin to imagine.
* A hand shake was never good enough - it had to be a hug from Gordon
* We remember his love, stories and sincerity - when you spoke he made you feel like you were the only one in the room.

DEB LARGE - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ Dear Family,
I was saddened to hear of Dr. Beach's passing. I last saw him at the Volunteer Party on December 2006 at the New Britain Museum of American Art. I am so glad I had a chance to tell him that he was my favorite prof at CCSC. I think one of the reasons was he accepted all points of view even though he didn't always agree. He was truly a very learned and fun person. I'll remember him fondly. June Mitchell, 1964 class of CCSC.

June L. Mitchell - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

MC

“ Dear Ed, Josh and Hillary,
Stephen and I just wanted to express our sympathy to you and your family on the loss of your beloved Dad/Grandfather. He is now back home with your mom and resting. Our thoughts and prayers are with you - God Bless You. With Deepest Sympathy, Your Friends, Stephen and Marion Carey

Marion A. Carey - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

DB

“ *An inquiring mind, a true people person, a natural teacher. Kindness and humor. Thats my Great Unc.*

Doug Beach - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

IB

“ *We shared a common birthday and celebrated together for many years. Come Oct. 31st, I'll wear my Hallowe'en tie, knock down a pinata and remember the fun we had.*

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

PJ

“ *To JB's family:*

JB was more than a friend but less than a mentor, JB always had a kind word and a smile for me everyone he met. His wisdom was never ending and he knew the right thing to do.

Of all the things I could thank JB for -There was a point, when I walked everywhere I went - for whatever reason, there was no doubt -JB and Lil were there for me. They were the most wonderful couple. He was the most wonderful man.

I will think of him often and remember his work in the community.

Thank you for sharing them him with us.

Pat Johnson - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM