



Loren Bernau

April 8, 1927 - October 9, 2008

Loren Bernau, 81, of West Hartford, passed away Thursday October 9, 2008 at Hartford Hospital. Born in Bloomington, IL, he lived in New Britain for 23 years, Newington for 30 years, moving to the Chatfield in 2003. A 1950 graduate of Concordia University in River Forest, IL, he received a Masters in Education from Central CT State University. Loren taught at St. Matthews Lutheran School in New Britain for 32 years, retiring in 1982. He also served as a former Principal at the school. As a member of St. Matthews Lutheran Church, he served as a church elder for 18 years, directed the church youth group for 19 years, taught Sunday School for 25 years, was a member of the Music Committee and the church Sanctuary Choir. A Life Master of the American Contract Bridge League, he served as Bridge Director for several CT towns between 1978 and 2004 including the Newington, Meriden and Cromwell Bridge Clubs.

Surviving is his brother, Ronald Bernau of Danvers, IL and two cousins.

Funeral services are Monday 10 AM at St. Matthews Lutheran Church, 99 Franklin Square, New Britain, CT 06051. Burial will be in the Park Lawn Cemetery, Danvers, IL. Calling hours are Sunday 5 to 7 PM at Carlson Funeral Home, 45 Franklin Square, New Britain. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the St. Matthews Lutheran Church Memorial Fund or to the Central CT Chapter of the American Red Cross, 45 Russell Street, New

Britain, CT 06052. Please share a memory or note of sympathy by clicking on "GUESTBOOK" at the bottom of this page.

Tribute Wall

RB

“ I know Loren from playing in bridge games he directed. He's one of the nicest persons I ever met. Always an encouraging word or little joke or sweet smile. I'll miss him. My thoughts and prayers are with his family at this time of loss.

Rachel Brown - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

JK

“ I have so many memories of Mr. Bernau, some that are my own, and some that are from stories of ones who love and respect him in my family. He was my teacher at St. Matthews, and I always considered him a very strict teacher... but I became a very strong math student, and I believe he had everything to do with that. My adult memories of him were always fond. He went from who I knew him as a teacher to a sweet, kind, thoughtful, and caring man. He will always live in our memories because he is a part of stories that are told often because he played a significant part in our lives.....

Jennifer Date Kirkpatrick - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

LS

“ I have known Loren since he moved to New Britain about 1950. My family invited him for dinner when he first arrived. We played pinoche and canasta in the fifties. We became friends after I became a young adult and he taught me how to play bridge. We became partners and attended many Regional and National Bridge championships with Martina Doyle and Mildred Beal in the sixties. I was fortunate to be his partner when he won the red points that earned his Life Master designation. Loren will be missed as a wonderful gentleman and a man with a strong Christian faith with which led his life. The last time I talked to him about a month ago, we discussed how many people were on our prayer lists. The older we get the more we realized why the Lord said "Pray without ceasing". The world is a better place because Loren was a strict and dedicated teacher. Peace be with you.

Larry Schoech - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

SB

“ We have lost a wonderful gentleman! I have known Loren for over 45 years and he was very special. He will be missed at the Bridge table.

sarah budds - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

BS

“ I will miss Loren so much at bridge games. I learned a lot from him and enjoyed a great deal of friendly banter with him. My sincere condolences to his family.

Barbara Sloan - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

DF

“ *The Hartford Bridge Club was greatly saddened to learn of the passing of our longtime friend & member, Loren.*

He will be missed & remembered by many as a truly special gentleman.

Donna Feir - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

BP

“ *There were many times Mr. Bernau stayed after school for hours helping me with algebra. He really was concerned that his students understood the subjects he taught and he truly wanted to see us succeed. As a young teen, I didn't appreciate his dedication, both to teaching and to his students. As an adult, I pray my child has teachers like Mr. Bernau.*

Beckie Baker Perreault - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM