



## Robert Centurelli

April 24, 1942 - December 19, 2019

Robert Centurelli, 77 of Bristol, husband of Judith (Anderson) Centurelli, passed away Thursday (December 19, 2019) at his home in Bristol, CT surrounded by his loved ones. A New Britain native, son of the late Henry and Julia (Jakubczyk) Centurelli, he was a former Berlin resident and a long time Plainville resident before moving to Kensington for several years and then to Bristol in 2000.

Bob loved playing sports and played Basketball and Football for Berlin Highschool, graduating in 1960. Bob received both his undergraduate and Master's Degrees in Education from CCSU, and was a 5th and 6th grade teacher in the Plainville School System at Wheeler and Toffolon Elementary Schools for 35 years, retiring in 1999.

Teaching was Bob's true passion. He was loved and respected by the many students, parents, and educators he interacted with over the years. Bob introduced his love of gardening to his students, growing seedling plants in the window of his classroom Room 22. He taught his students to play chess and inspired many students to participate in chess tournaments during indoor recess. Bob founded the Toffolon School Store, providing students from all grades the opportunity to purchase school supplies, novelties, and holiday gifts, while his classes experienced hands on learning about marketing and small business management.

In his personal time, Bob loved travelling and being at home with his best friend and love of his life Judy. He enjoyed solitude in his vast garden. He truly enjoyed being a father, always providing rich and enjoyable experiences for his two daughters and finally in his retirement spending plenty of quality time with his four grandchildren, of whom he was so proud.

Besides his wife Judy, Bob leaves two daughters, Christine Spataro and her husband Peter of Southington; and Laura Centurelli and her husband Richard Jackson of Canton; two brothers, Henry Centurelli and his wife JoAnne of Winsted; John Centurelli of Berlin; two sisters, Maggie Centurelli of Southington; and Julia Underwood and her husband David of Plainville; four grandchildren, Bianca and Marco Spataro and Jared and Linnea Dziekan, as well as many nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his sister Cheryl Rouelle of Higganum.

A memorial service will be held Friday January 3, at 11:00 AM at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, 355 Camp Street Bristol. Calling hours are one hour prior to the service at the church, 10-11 AM. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the American Parkinson's Disease Foundation, PO Box 248, Shelton, CT 06484 or to the Michael J. Fox Foundation, PO Box 5014, Hagerstown, MD 21741-5014. The Carlson Funeral Home, New Britain is assisting with arrangements. Please share a note of sympathy or remembrance at [www.carlsonfuneralhome.com](http://www.carlsonfuneralhome.com)

# Previous Events

## Calling Hours

JAN 3. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Gloria Dei Lutheran Church  
355 Camp Street  
Forestville, CT 6010

## Funeral Service

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# Tribute Wall

MJ

“ I just read of Mr. C's passing. My condolences to Mrs. C, Christine and Laura. He was a wonderful man and a great role model. You guys were always such good neighbors. He will be remembered fondly. -Michele Meyers Janota

Michele Janota - July 20, 2020 at 03:35 PM

MC

“ I am so sad to read of Mr Centurelli's passing. I wish I had seen this sooner and I extend mine and my family's sincere condolences. We have known the Centurellis as teachers, neighbors and friends. Myself and my siblings having Bob as a teacher at Toffolon, my siblings as fellow students with the girls, Judy as a teacher to my kids and lastly my mom's good friend. My mom always spoke of you both and I know it broke her heart to know how Bob suffered. Thinking of you all ❤️ Mary McGinley Couture and family

Mary Couture - January 03, 2020 at 03:24 PM

SJ

“ To everyone in the Centurelli family - please accept my heart felt condolences along with those of my wife and family - one of my earliest memories of well over 50 years ago was being quizzed by Bob on how to spell " bicycle " - Steve Jakubczyk

steven jakubczyk - January 01, 2020 at 01:26 PM

EO

“ Sending regrets to you and family. Elaine Osipowicz

elaine osipowicz - December 30, 2019 at 05:36 PM

LD

“ To Judy Centurelli and family, Sherrill called me today and told me about Bob. I'm so sorry hon and feel even worse that I can't be there with you. Just know that our love and prayers are with you and the family. Love, Bill and Linda Dunsing

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**linda dunsing** - December 30, 2019 at 01:19 PM

SN

“ Dear Judy, Christine and Laura, Our hearts go out to you, and we'll keep you in our prayers. May you know the comfort of a holy hope! I love you very much, and miss you.

Susan & Andy Nagle

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**Susan Nagle** - December 23, 2019 at 10:45 PM

MP

“ Judy. I am so sorry for you and the family ! I always remember walking up Maxine and seeing your beautiful back yard. Keep your memories close at heart ❤️ love Mary Jane Parlow

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**Mary Jane Parlow** - December 23, 2019 at 09:32 AM



“ Judy,  
So sorry to find out that Bob had passed.  
I know that you and your family did everything to allow Bob the comfort of home where he could enjoy his family for as long as possible.  
Bob is now at peace and you can find comfort in that thought.  
Fondly,  
Lorraine (and Marvin) Friedman

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**Lorraine Friedman** - December 23, 2019 at 07:30 AM

SG

“ Judy, Christine and Laura,  
Praying you are comforted by the fact that Bob is dancing with the angels and in charge of creating new and wonderful plants for heaven’s gardens. Mark and I are hoping that your grief and pain will diminish with time, replaced with happier memories.

*The people left behind are devastated by the loss of loved ones gone before, but know that we will all meet again and rejoice together.*

*Sharon and Mark Grip*

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**Sharon Grip** - December 22, 2019 at 08:58 AM

SM

“ Judy, Christine and Laura - we were very sorry to hear about Bob’s passing. We both taught with Bob at Toffolon when we started our careers and have so many wonderful memories of those days. Bob was the ultimate teacher and colleague - loved by his students, his colleagues and parents. All the kids wanted to be in Mr C’s class. He was a visionary - way ahead of his time when it came to computers. One day he told me that some day everyone would have a computer in their home. I just could not understand why we would need one. We know the last years have been challenging and difficult for all of you. Our hearts go out to you. May happy memories and the love and support of friends help you through this difficult time. You are in our thoughts and prayers. Rest in peace dear friend and colleague.

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**Susan and John McDonnell** - December 21, 2019 at 08:34 PM

JL

“ I taught next door to Bob for many years at Toffolon. He was a superb teacher and a wonderful friend. When I was diagnosed with cancer he helped me so much for sharing stories about cancer in his family. He was so compassionate and helped me so much. I will never forget him. Judy, I'm thinking of you and your wonderful family. I hope that soon your sadness will turn into happy memories.  
Joan Libby

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**Joan Libby** - December 21, 2019 at 06:04 PM

JS

“ Judy,  
Very sorry to read of the passing of your husband. May he live with the angels.  
Sincerely,  
Joanne Skoczylas

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**Joanne Skoczylas** - December 21, 2019 at 05:14 PM