



Robert E. Massmann

April 2, 1924 - April 9, 2013

Robert E. Massmann, 89, of New Britain, husband of Eloise Coon Massmann, passed away Tuesday April 9, 2013 at the Hospital of Central Connecticut in New Britain. Born in Pittsburg, Kansas, he was a New Britain resident since 1951. Robert graduated from the University of Michigan with a Master's Degree in Library Science. He worked as the Director of Library Services at Central Connecticut State University until his retirement in 1983. Robert proudly served his country in the United States Navy and was a member, Treasurer, Trustee and Lay Leader of the former Trinity United Methodist Church in New Britain. He later joined the North Canton United Methodist Church. Robert was also a member of the Kiwanis. He had a passion for collecting and publishing miniature books and was a past president of the Miniature Book Society.

Besides his beloved wife of 66 years Eloise, he leaves two sons, Ernest Massmann and his wife Sherrie of Cincinnatus, NY; and Richard Massmann and his wife Priscilla of Bethel; a grandson Seth Adam Massmann; a sister Evelyn Simon and many nieces and nephews.

A Memorial service will be held Saturday 11 AM at Carlson Funeral Home, 45 Franklin Square, New Britain. Burial will be private and at the convenience of the family. There are no calling hours. Donations may be made to the North Canton United Methodist Church, PO Box 311, North Canton, CT 06059.

Please share a memory or note of sympathy with Robert's family by "clicking"
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Tribute Wall

RG

“ our sincere condolences to Eloise and family. My apologies for being late, but my wife has had numerous health issues and I just now found out about Bob's passing. He was a Christian man and was everybody's friend. Now Bob is talking to our God. RIP Bob.

Ralph & Diana Gantz - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

RJ

“ *Eloise and Bob's Family,*
Sorry I cannot join the service today. Recovering from major surgery. The obit did not do service to Bob's work at CCSU. More than anyone, he was the vision for the first Elihu Burritt Library and its newer version on the site of the former Arute Field. His stewardship of one of the University's major resources was superb. His mission, to serve students first was always foremost. CCSU was fortunate to have his acumen as a librarian and I was fortunate to have him as a friend.

*Richard L. Judd
President Emeritus
CCSU*

Richard Judd - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

FG

“ I am sad to learn of the passing of Robert Massmann. My sympathy goes out to Eloise, Richard and Ernest. Bob had the unique opportunity to oversee the design and construction of not one but two library buildings during his years at Central. Under his leadership the library's collections grew to such an extent that a second library building was opened in 1972. When Bob arrived on campus he taught Spanish in Stanley school and was the serials librarian on campus. He quickly rose to the position of Director of Library Services. Under his leadership the library became a Government Document Depository and a Special Collections Department was created. When he arrived at the library manual Royal typewriters were in use. By the time he retired many library functions were automated. Bob hired me in 1963, he was my friend, my mentor, and my boss. He provided me with challenging assignments and worked to promote me under both the Civil Service and Unclassified systems. We served together in the Kiwanis club. He was a giant in the world of tiny books. He created dozens of miniature books that are sought after by collectors. In addition, he amassed one of the largest miniature book collections in the United States. Bob was a bright, good natured and kind man. We are all poorer with his leaving us.

Francis Gagliardi - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

IM

“ We have lost a very dear friend who loved life and was generous to others in very great measure. We his friends in Scotland hold him and his family in the Light.

Ian & Helen Macdonald - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

JA

“ I met Bob at North Canton Community Methodist Church and thoroughly enjoyed several conversations about our shared library profession and alma mater. I treasure the miniature books he had crafted as a hobby and generously shared with me. His contributions to libraries and to his church were many. He will surely be missed and remembered.

Jean Alvarez-Calderon - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM