



## Walter H. Schwanke

November 11, 1925 - September 17, 2008

Walter Schwanke, 82, of Newington passed away Wednesday September 17, 2008 at his home. A New Britain native and former resident, he moved to Newington in 1952. A graduate of New Britain High School, he was employed in the import/export department of Stanley Works for 47 years, retiring in 1988. Walter was a member and former Head Deacon of Emmanuel Baptist Church, Newington.

Surviving is his wife of 55 years, Lois Selander Schwanke; three sons, David Schwanke and his wife Merrilee of Wilton, NH; Paul Schwanke and his wife Cathy of Desert Hills, AZ; and Stephen Schwanke and his wife Glenda of Spring Hill, TN; a daughter, Karen Bayliff of Newington; a sister, Eda Michalke and her husband Walter of Middlefield; 23 grandchildren; 4 great grandchildren; several nieces and nephews. Walter was predeceased by a granddaughter, Dawn Schwanke and 3 brothers, Edmund, David and Albert Schwanke.

A memorial service will be held Saturday 1 PM at Emmanuel Baptist Church, 296 New Britain Avenue, Newington, CT 06111. There are no calling hours. Burial will be in West Meadow Cemetery at the convenience of the family. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Emmanuel Baptist Church Missions Fund. Walter's family will receive friends after the memorial service on Saturday. Please share a memory or note of sympathy by "clicking"

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# Tribute Wall

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“Walter made a profound impression on Carlyn before we moved to Newington by the encouragement he gave. He was always an encouragement to us both as we served there for so many years. "Press on" and "Let the redeemed of the Lord say so" is what we remember him by. Our prayers are with you in this time of joy and sorrow.

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**Neil and Carlyn McGuire** - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

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“I don't think there is enough room to add all of things I want to say. First of all, Walt and the family lived their lives as close to Christ from any person or family I've ever known or could know. Although there have been so many years since we have spoken or seen each other, Walt touched my life in so many ways and I have such gratitude. My life has changed as a result of this Shepard of God. He has shown me what it means to be a christian and more. The lessons learned as a child can certainly be stored and lived out in your adult life as I am living proof of that. The Schwanke Family has touched my life in such a significant way that it is only right to tell them this. Walt is an Angel and is looking down with certain content knowing how wonderful his family is and how he lived his precious time on earth.... And now he can be in the house of the most high where he belongs. If I could take one quarter of Walt and apply it to the world, we would live in a safer, happier and much fuller world. Grateful and with much Love, Mary Jane

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**Mary Jane Brown Abbate** - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

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“ *Mr. Schwanke*  
*I grew up next door to this highly energized man who always inspired me as a vibrant positive person. Ah, Whiteside Street! I am happy to have watched his family grow. He truly made a positive contribution to church, family and those around him. Thanks Mr. Schwanke for spreading your joy to me.*

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**Nancy Brown** - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

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“ *I am sorry for the physical loss of your husband and dad, however I rejoice with you to know that he is in glory with his Savior, Jesus Christ. No more suffering!*  
*Praise God for His precious gift to us.*  
*I am not in town to be with you this weekend, and I am saddened by that, I would love to give each of you a big hug and tell you I love you in the Lord.*  
*Walt Schwanke will always have a special place in my heart as he is one of the men who led me to the Lord!! Sitting in my living room, January 23, 1975, Walt led me in a sinners prayer and I received Christ as my personal savior. Thank you for that. God Bless.*  
*Kim Weber*

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**Kimberly Weber** - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM