



William "Bill" J. O'Connor

December 30, 1938 - July 22, 2023

William J. "Bill" O'Connor, 84, of Meriden, husband of the late Charlotte (Cap) O'Connor passed away Saturday (July 22, 2023) at the Hospital of Central Connecticut in New Britain. Born in Waterbury, son of the late Joseph and Marie O'Connor, he was a former New Britain resident. He also maintained homes in Eastham, MA and Bonita Springs, FL. Bill graduated from Notre Dame High School in West Haven, served in the US Air Force, and then attended the University of Connecticut, graduating in 1967. He was a Sigma Phi Epsilon Fraternity member. Bill served as a social worker for the State of Connecticut in the Department of Children and Families at Long Lane school for 25 years.

He was a great friend to many. Affectionately dubbed 'the mayor' by his son and grandchildren, he was a pillar of his local community. He could often be spotted socializing at the Highland Woods' clubhouse or Arnold's Raw Bar. Bill loved sports, playing softball in the Meriden MASA league as well as baseball and golf. He was an AVID UCONN basketball fan but loved his family more than anything.

He leaves his son, Sean O'Connor and his wife Jill of Berlin; a brother, Michael O'Connor of Naples FL; three grandchildren, Kelsey and Luke O'Connor and Cassidy Kemp; several nieces and nephews.

A special thanks to the nurses and staff at The Village of Kensington Place for their compassion and care.

Calling hours are Monday (July 31) 5 to 7 PM at Carlson Funeral Home, 45

Franklin Square, New Britain, CT. It will be followed by a brief funeral service Monday evening at 7 PM. Burial will be in Evergreen Cemetery, Eastham, MA. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Dee Rowe Scholarship Fund c/o The UCONN Foundation, 2390 Alumni Drive Unit 3206 Storrs, CT 06269-3206. Please share a memory or note of sympathy at www.carlsonfuneralhome.com

Cemetery Details

Evergreen Cemetery

3575 State Highway
Eastham, MA

Previous Events

Calling Hours

JUL 31. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Carlson Funeral Home
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Funeral Service

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Tribute Wall

KA

“ Because of the friendship shared by Bill and my father (Neil), I had occasion to see Bill often during their long tenure at Long Lane School. One of those occasions involved the Boston Celtics. Bill had tickets to a game in Hartford. When my father was unable to attend, Bill took me instead. Decades have passed since that night of watching Larry Bird and the Celtics, and while I cannot remember now who won the game, I have vivid and very fond memories of a fun night and especially of the very kind man who took me to my first Celtics game. I, too, am saddened by his loss. My sincere condolences to Bill's family.

Karen Nilson Augeri - July 27, 2023 at 10:07 AM

NN

“ I was saddened to learn of the passing of Bill, my Red Sox fan partner. We worked together at Long Lane School in Middletown for more than 20 years. I greatly enjoyed our friendship and our sports connection. My condolences to Bill's son and family.

Neil Nilson - July 27, 2023 at 09:20 AM

RK

“ Brother Bill, I'm looking for the winner in the 3rd race at Heavenly Downs! Always fond thoughts of my fraternity brother. Rest in Peace my friend.

Reed Kleintop - July 26, 2023 at 10:06 AM

LL

“ Sean. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family I was devastated by the news. Oakie was the best I will see you Monday

Larry Lewis - July 26, 2023 at 08:51 AM

TL

“ We will miss seeing Bill on the Cape! Erin especially will miss his Nauset ice cream deliveries! Our deepest sympathies to all of Bill’s family and friends! The world is missing a character! The Long Family

Tina Long - July 26, 2023 at 07:44 AM

SO

“ Rest in peace to the best dad a guy could ever ask for! I miss you terribly already



Sean O'Connor - July 24, 2023 at 04:08 PM