William "Papa" Rasmussen

March 12, 1915 - November 3, 2003

William Rasmussen, 88, of New Britain, died peacefully, Monday November 3, 2003 at his home. He was the widower of Kathryn ‘‘Kittie’’ Orzechowski Rasmussen, who died in 1995. Born in Denmark, he lived in New Britain since 1940. A peacetime veteran of the US Army, he was employed at Caval Tool in Newington for 30 years, retiring in 1980. An avid golfer, he was a member of the Danish Brotherhood Lodge. Affectionately known as ‘‘Papa’’, he treasured spending time with his family and will be greatly missed.

Surviving are two daughters, Judy Hedenberg and her husband David of Farmington; and Joyce Fisher and her husband Christopher of Danbury; a sister, Emmy Meyer of Newington; four grandchildren, Janet Scalise and her husband Jonathan of New Britain; Laura Jarvis and her husband Kenneth of Milford; Jennifer Fisher of Riverdale, NY; and Todd Fisher of Danbury; two great granddaughters, Isabella and Lilly Scalise; several nieces and nephews. Besides his wife, ‘‘Papa’’ was predeceased by a sister, Gerda Coppen.

A memorial service will be held Thursday November 6, 2003 4 PM at Carlson Funeral Home, 45 Franklin Square, New Britain. Burial will be in Sacred Heart Cemetery at the family’s convenience. Calling hours are Thursday afternoon, 3:15 PM until the time of the service. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Hospice of Central Connecticut, 205 West Main Street, New Britain, CT 06051. At Mr. Rasmussen’s request, his body was donated to the University of Connecticut Medical School. Please share a memory of ‘‘Papa’’ with his family on our online guestbook by clicking on "sign memorial

guestbook" at the top or bottom of the page.

Tribute Wall

DB

Papa originally hired me at Caval Tool in 1980. I just came across his obituary now while looking at Caval memories. Papa always asked me "did you work in a clothes pin factory? You don't know anything about making aircraft parts or running machines." He was always surprised that I was still working there when he joined us at retirement parties in later years.

Dirk Baldessari - September 01, 2019 at 05:04 PM

DB

I worked with Bill for 18 years at Caval Tool and he kept me laughing most of that time. A wonderful sense of humor and a talented machinist. After he retired I would call him whenever one of our Caval friends was retiring and he would always make it to the retirement party. I haven't seen him for quite awhile, but he does come to mind so often. Rest easy PaPa.

Diane Baldessari - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

BB

In Memory of a True Gentleman and a Friend's Ole Golfing Buddy.
He'll play golf with the "Best" now.
God Bless!

Bill Bosworth - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM