



## William J. Weitzke, Sr.

August 12, 1919 - April 8, 2011

William J. Weitzke, Sr., 91, of Hartford, widower of Edna Anderson Weitzke, passed away Friday April 8, 2011 at Avery Heights in Hartford. Born in Bristol, William was a graduate of Plainville High School, Class of 1937, was a former Plainville, West Hartford, and Farmington resident until moving to Avery Heights in 2000. He received a Bachelors Degree from Teachers College of CT now CCSU in 1942; received a Masters Degree from NYU and his 6th year from Columbia University and did PhD work at UConn. A World War II US Army Veteran, he completed OCS and served as a 2nd Lieutenant. Bill formerly taught at Plainville High School; served as principal of the Wheeler School in Plainville for 7 years and later was principal of the Morley School and Smith School in West Hartford for 18 years, retiring in 1978. He also helped organize the CT Outdoor Education Association now known as the CT Outdoor Education & Environmental Association. A former Deacon at the Plainville Congregational Church, he was presently a member of the First Church of Christ, Congregational in West Hartford. He was a member of Frederick-Franklin Lodge #14 AF&AM in Plainville; Past Worthy Patron and 50 year member of Frederica Chapter #100 OES; was a former member of Plainville VFW; and was past President of the Rip Snorters Sqaure Dance Club of West Hartford.

Surviving is a son, William Weitzke, Jr. and his wife Katie of Meriden; a daughter, Lynn Weitzke of Chaddsford, PA; five grandchildren, Jill Olsen and

her husband Richard of New Brighton, PA; Elizabeth Kobar and her husband David of Chicago, IL; Megan Ellis of Middletown; Jaime Ellis of Meriden; Dana Ming and her husband Christopher of Andover; five great grandchildren, Amanda Olsen; Danielle Weitzke; Madison and Reilly Ming; and Grace Ellis. Besides his wife Edna, he was predeceased by a son, Mark Weitzke and a sister, Laura Robidoux.

Funeral services are Wednesday 10 AM at First Church of Christ, Congregational, 12 South Main Street, West Hartford. Burial with military honors will be in Fairview Cemetery, New Britain. Calling hours are Tuesday 5 to 7 PM at Carlson Funeral Home, 45 Franklin Square, New Britain. Donations may be made to the Weitzke-Hoffman Scholarship Fund, c/o First Church of Christ, Congregational, 12 South Main Street, West Hartford, CT 06107. Please share a memory or note of sympathy by clicking on "Send Condolences" at the bottom of this page.

# Tribute Wall

JM

“ To the family of Bill Weitzke,

*I have fond memories of my Uncle Bill. Like me he was competitive so we had some heated pinochle games with Aunt Edna and Tommy. We also got them out on the tennis court in their later years after they had just about given up on the game. We had a wonderful time when they visited us when we lived in Puerto Rico.*

*I was born the year Edna and Bill were married and there was always a connection between us. Uncle Bill was a role model for me growing up. A lot of my friends attended Wheeler School so they all knew him as Principal. I eventually became a teacher, realizing what an influence Uncle Bill had.*

*One of my friends residing in Connecticut saw the obit in the Courant and emailed me at [jmm0620@gmail.com](mailto:jmm0620@gmail.com) . She said that her church recognized Bill's passing and his contributions to the Congregational Church over the years.*

*We are sorry to hear of Uncle Bill's passing and are also sorry that we lost contact after my mother's passing.*

*Jean & Tommy Matt McCormack*

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**Jean McCormack** - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

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“ *My deepest sympathy to the family. Bill was always a good friend and a great human being. I am currently in Florida but Bill will be in my prayers and my thoughts will be with the family at this difficult time.*

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**Dino Iorli** - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

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“ To The Family of Mr Weitzke:

*Our sincerest condolences go out to the entire family at this time. Mr Weitzke was the principal of Smith school the years I was there from 1961-1966. I knew him as quite a disciplinarian and in those "old days" remember when he was around the area of his presence got very quiet. I also do believe that when I graduated from 6th grade he signed my mini yearbook and I still have it. Again hope the entire family reminisces about all the good times, forever:*

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**Greg, Susan and Bryan DiDonato** - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

GD

“ To The Family of Bill Weitzke

*We are among the many who admired Bill. He was a respected colleague when I was principal of Hall High School. I valued his extensive background and dedication. His family was important to him. Each member is a credit to his influence and example. Inspired by fond memories of him, we extend our sincere sympathy.*

*Gladys and Bob Dunn*

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**Gladys and Bob Dunn** - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

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“ *I will always remember your father's good humor, intelligence and wonderful personality. I send my most sincere condolences to your family. David*

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**J. David Morrissey** - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM