



Willie "Bill" Eldridge

March 30, 1924 - October 15, 2011

Willie "Bill" Eldridge, 87, of Bristol, husband of June Margelot Eldridge, passed away unexpectedly, Saturday October 15 at Bristol Hospital. Born in Hyden, KY, he lived in Bristol since 1940. A World War II US Navy veteran, Bill worked at New Departure in Bristol for 45 years, retiring in 1987. He was a member of Gloria Dei Lutheran Church in Forestville; was active with UAW Local 626; and was a part-time sexton for 17 years at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church.

Besides his wife June, he leaves two sons, Rick Eldridge and his wife Lisa of Amston; and Bill Eldridge and his wife Liz of Tucson, AZ; a daughter, Lori Eldridge of South Hadley, MA; three sisters, Dovie Joseph in Kentucky; Lucille Eldridge in Ohio; and Shirley Kinter of Oklahoma; five greatly loved grandchildren, Bryon, Sarah, Kellie, Shephanie and Heather Eldridge; many nieces and nephews. Bill was predeceased by a son, Michael Eldridge as well as four brothers and a sister.

A Memorial Service will be held Sunday at 1PM at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, 255 Camp Street, Forestville, CT 06010. There are no calling hours, but his family will receive friends before and after the memorial service. Burial will be in the church memorial garden. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the church memorial fund. Carlson Funeral Home, New Britain is in charge of arrangements. Please share a memory or note of sympathy by clicking on "Add Condolences" at the bottom of this page.

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“ I will miss this fine gentle man more than you will ever know. His friendly smile and gentle ways touched my heart for years while he worked at Gloria Dei. He and June were great church attending members and always had a smile, pat on the back or hug for me when we saw each other. I will miss his quiet and gentle ways, but trust he is at peace with God.

Paula Kanenberg - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

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“ Lori:
My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this most difficult time.

Debi - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

KJ

“ June,

We were very saddened when we heard the news. You and Willie have always been very special to both of us. Our memories from choir will stay with us forever. Our thoughts and prayers are with you now and in the days ahead.

Love,

Ken and Liz

Ken and Liz Johnson - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM