



Winton I. Catlin

April 15, 1909 - April 1, 2005

Winton I. Catlin, 95, of Queensbury, NY, husband of Alberta Post Catlin, died Friday April 1, 2005 at Glens Falls Hospital, Glens Falls New York. Born in New Britain, son of the late Raymond and Ida Irving Catlin, he lived in New Britain most of his life, resided in Southington for seven years, moving to Glens Falls in 2003. A graduate of New Britain High School, class of 1927, he received his Bachelors Degree from Clark University in Worcester in 1931 and later did post graduate work at Duke University. While at Clark, he was Vice-President of his class and was a president of the Kappa Phi fraternity. "Wint" was a history teacher at New Britain High School for 40 years, retiring in 1972. He was a member and former deacon of South Congregational-First Baptist Church, also serving on many church boards. He was a former member of the New Britain Red Cross board; a member of the scholarship committee at the New Britain Boys & Girls Club; and was a charter member and former president of the New Britain Teachers Federal Credit Union.

Besides his wife Alberta, he is survived by a son, Thomas I. Catlin and his wife Jude of Half Moon, NY; three granddaughters, Sarah Landers and her husband Christopher of Saratoga, NY; Amanda Sykes and her husband Derrek of Shrewsbury, Mass; and Meghann Catlin of Mattapoiset, Mass; a great granddaughter, Emma Catlin Landers; several nieces and nephews. Besides his parents, he was predeceased by a son, John Catlin and a sister, Dorothy Hall.

Funeral services are Tuesday 11 AM at South Congregational-First Baptist

Church, 90 Main Street, New Britain. Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery. There are no calling hours. Memorial donations may be made to South Congregational-First Baptist Church or to the New Britain Boys & Girls Club Scholarship Fund, 150 Washington Street, New Britain, CT 06051. The Carlson Funeral Home, New Britain is in charge of arrangements. Please share a memory of "Wint" with his family on our online guestbook by clicking on "GUESTBOOK" at the bottom of this page.

Tribute Wall

GY

“ Hello Tom. My Mother told me about the passing of your father and I wanted to drop you a note to say how sorry I was to hear of that fact. He was a very nice man and I am sure that your family will miss him a great deal. I was glad to see that he enjoyed a very long life and was able to see so many of his family grow up. I remember that we used to tease him as well as my father a lot but they seemed to take it in good spirit. We probably were a little much to understand, being the quiet, serious types that they were. I guess they just waited us out, and it all worked out. Regretably, I don't think that our paths have crossed since High School a long time ago but when I heard of his passing so many good memories came instantly back and I wanted to send my condolences. I hope that you are all well and sometime when this all settled down, that you take a moment and catch me up on your life! Best wishes to you and your family, Grant Yukins

Grant Yukins - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

MB

“ Alberta, I am sorry to learn of your husband's death. I am living with my daughter, Jeannie, in Southington now. We lost Nancy last year to cancer. You and I shared many happy memories. Love, Peg

Margaret Batogowski - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

DD

“ *Dear Alberta and Tommy,
My brother was able to attend the funeral today for Wint. Unfortunately, I was unable but we both wanted to send you our sincere condolences to you and your family. Dick and I have so many fond memories, and I am sure Donny would have a lot to offer too. Dick often remembers Wint at Fort William Henry and thinks of Wint when he sees The Last of the Mohegans! I have so many memories of Lincoln Street and of our trips to Lake George! Over the years there were so many special times you shared with my parents. Wint was always so kind. Dick and I want you to know that our thoughts and prayers are with you.*

Fondly, Dick and Diane

Diane D'Addabbo - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ *Dear Alberta,
Very sorry to hear about Wint. I know it will be very difficult for you without him. You had such a long and loving marriage. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. God Bless You. -Jan*

Janice Swenton - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

PN

“ Dear Alberta,

I was so sorry to hear about Wintons death. He was a fine man and anyone who knew him, will miss him. I remember seeing the two of you watching T.V. when I would come to work. I always looked forward to stopping by for a visit.

Winton was a joy to be with, he always had such great stories. We would laugh and talk and I hated to leave, because he always made my day.....

I will always remember and feel fortunate to have time with such a fine gentleman. I can only hope that your years of happiness and your many good memories will enable you to live with this sad loss.

My deepest sympathy to you and your family.

*Pamela Noonan
The Terrace Care Staff*

Pamela Noonan - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

EB

“ If there was ever a teacher that I respected and admired, it was Mr. Catlin. He reminded me of a family friend, and acted like he was. While having a history class for your first period is not the most exciting thing one can look forward to, Mr. Catlin made history more like something to discuss instead of reading fifty pages and taking a test on it. Mr. Catlin, without a doubt, made me enjoy history like never before. When I began college, and had a history class first class in the morning, I felt right at home and eager to learn.

He was also responsible for giving me my sense of humor and showing that he had a sense of humor as well.

We were talking about the TVA- it was a plan to provide electricity and irrigation to parts of Tennessee. When he asked, "Who knows that the TVA is?" I answered, not really thinking what I was about to say, "A dam project." He looked at me and asked, "Do you have something against the TVA or do you dislike it for some reason?" The more I tried not to laugh, the more I laughed. And Mr. Catlin was not going to let me off the hook and ask another student. He patiently waited until I regained my composure and let me explain my answer.

Although the conversation was over thirty three years ago, I remember it like it was yesterday. And no, I do not have anything against the TVA.

Edward Borkowski - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ I have a vivid memory of Wint when one morning as I was taking him to have some blood work done & we came across a mother duck and 5 babies crossing the road.

Wint called for me to stop and be careful not to hit them and then said,

"They are going to Spring Lake, I wonder who told the mother duck that there was a Lake in Spring Lake Village."

His dry humor was always a joy !!

Alberta, Tom, Jude & Family ---

Our sincere sympathy to all of you.

Celebrate his wonderful life!

Love, Marlene & Jim Moran

Marlene Moran - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

CB

“ My most lasting memory of Wint is seeing him every morning walk up the driveway at the Lake to get his newspaper. It is a great and steep drive, yet he was a grand and amazing man. I feel very fortunate to have known Wint, and to have had my life touched by him.

Chris Barber - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

CC

“ *My father, Art Carlson, and Wint worked together at the Fort William Henry Museum in Lake George. One of my first summer jobs was there and I still remember Wint in his French and Indian War uniform relating the history of the Fort to the visitors. He made the tour of the fort interesting not just for adults but the children as well. Perhaps the thing I remember most was his smile. No matter what type of day it had been at work, he always seemed to have that ready smile and a joy for life that would brighten the darkest corners of the Fort.*

May the memories of Wint and the grace of God comfort you all during this difficult time.

Sincerely,
Carol Carlson

Carol Carlson - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

PB

“ *My fond memories of Wint go hand in hand with my memories of the Lake...quiet chats by the dock, waving as he watered the geraniums and admiring one truly amazingly pink August sunset from his sundeck. These memories bring a smile to my heart.*

Pam Barber - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

“ Mrs. Catlin and Tom & Jude:

Alan called yesterday and gave me the sad news about Mr. Catlin. I wanted to let you all know that our thoughts and prayers are with you all.

When I opened up the page to Mr. Catlin's obituary I was heartened to see such a wonderful picture of Mr. Catlin smiling right back at me. That's how I remember him, always with a wonderful smile and a great story to tell all of us. Some of my best memories of growing up include the time we spent at the Lake. It was like we were all one family, especially when we had the pumps on the side porches! Well sort of Tom!

I remember Mr. Catlin heading off to the Fort to work, but to him I don't think it was really work. What he was really doing was extending his "teaching" job through the summer by taking all of the tourists on tours of Fort William Henry and teaching them about our country's history. Then finally one year we all went over to see him in his uniform doing what he really loved to do.

Mr. Catlin will always hold a special place in my heart along with my special memories of Lake George. I will also remember the great freindship you and Mr. Catlin had with my parents. A friendship like that is one to cherish and remember.

I pray that God will comfort you all during the sad times, but I'm comforted in knowing that when these sad times pass, you all will be able to remember all of the good times. Believe me that I remember many with you Mrs. Catlin and Tom and especially Mr. Catlin.

My love to you all.

Cindy Bob sends his prayers too.

Cindy Spurdle - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

TS

“ John 3:16 *"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.*

1Corinthians 15, we read that our resurrection bodies, although not subject to death, will be real and tangible-not mere apparitions.

Revelation 21:1-5 tells us that God will bring about the city of the living God the Heavenly Jerusalem.

It is described as having streets, walls, gates, a river and trees. Life in that city will be wonderful, free from all the debilitating effects of sin. There will be no more death, sorrow, mourning and pain, for God will make "all things new." But best of all, He Himself will come to live among us, making possible a new level of intimacy with Him. It's difficult to envision such an existence, but what an exciting prospect!

It is all possible because of what Jesus did when He died for us on the cross and His resurrection!

This should motivate us to worship Him, live godly lives, and tell others how they too can be assured of a glorious future.

We will always remember Mr. Catlin as a wonderful and humble man, yet strong.

May you find comfort in knowing that his soul is safe in the loving arms of our Lord Jesus Christ.

May God bless you with peace and rest in his memory.

Timothy & Lucy Snow - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

IL

“ As new teachers at New Britain High School in the early '60's Bob and I both knew we could count on Wint for help and advise when needed. Over the years, he and Alberta touched our lives in many ways: when our son was fatally ill, they were there with support, when Iris's mom died in Venice Fl in 1990, they were there, and in happier times we shared an occasional dinner or party on Forest St., Wint's 90th birthday celebration at South Church, Bob's 70th birthday celebration at our house. Our daughter Dawn shared his April 15th birthday. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. We regret we will be unable to attend the services on April 5th. Special love to Alberta.

Iris and Bob Larsson - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

MB

“ Dear Alberta & family, on behalf of Donald and Mary Pensel and the Pensel family we are saddened to here of your loss. Our prayers are with you during this difficult time. Love to you all.
Marilyn

Marilyn Bordeau - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

LL

“ *What a wonderful soft spoken man he was! I truly enjoyed speaking with him on a daily basis. He always had a smile on his face and was just as pleasant from one day to the next. I remember a few occasions chatting with the Catlins in their apartment and I was just in awe of his knowledge which was always shared in humbleness. He will truly be missed by all. I wish him God Speed. My deepest condolences to the Catlin family.*

Lois Leaf - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

MG

“ *I was a student of Mr. Catlin's at NBHS during the 1967-68 school year. I still remember his class because he made history come to life. Rather than merely teaching from the book, he brought artwork and other material into class to make the historical period seem more real to us. I'm sure he made a similar impression on hundreds of other students.*

Michael Gross - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

DD

“ *Alberta and family, my heart and prayers go to you and your family at this difficult time. working at the terrace and in your home was a great pleasure. Winton always had a story to tell and told it well. my life has surely been enriched to know Mr. Mrs. Catlin. Rest in peace Wint.*

Debbie Daly - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

PO

“ *Alberta and family, so sorry to hear about Wint. I have thought about both of you often. I understand your grief and sadness. I buried my Dad last week at age 94. All of you will be in my prayers.*

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