



## Dr. William J. Hewett, Sr.

February 2, 2024

It is with profound sadness that we announce the passing of Dr. William (Bill) Hewett, a brilliant soul whose presence illuminated the lives of all who were fortunate enough to know him. Bill departed this world on February 2, shortly after celebrating his 88th birthday with family and friends on January 27. He leaves behind a legacy of love, wisdom, and enduring memories.

Bill was born in Buffalo, NY to Dr. Joseph and Ruth (Yensan) Hewett. He was the eldest brother to James, Mary, Donald, David, and Elizabeth. Through his esteemed lineage, he was granted a membership in the General Society of Mayflower Descendants.

Bill graduated from Canisius College in Buffalo, NY. In 1961, he obtained a medical degree from the University of Buffalo School of Medicine and went on to specialize in obstetrics and gynecology. He began his career as a Captain and received a promotion to Major in the US Army, where he served as a medical officer for 3 years stationed in Heidelberg, Germany. Upon returning to the States, he joined a practice at Hartford Hospital. For nearly 30 years he served as a member of the Hartford Hospital medical staff and the University of Connecticut (UCONN) medical staff. During this time Dr. Hewett honed his specialty and began a successful practice as a Gynecologic Oncologist, lending his expertise and time serving on several medical boards, impacting the lives of many. His notable leadership roles included President of the Mid-Atlantic Gynecologic Oncology Society (MAGOS), and President of both the New England and Connecticut American Cancer Societies. He was the

recipient of the Dr. George Sheehan Award for his unwavering commitment to humanity.

In his leisure time, Bill enjoyed playing golf and tennis and was a former member of the Hartford Tennis Club, Farmington Field Club and the Country Club of Farmington. At age 55, Bill decided to pursue his dream to be a pilot. He obtained his Private Pilot License with an Instrument Rating, as well as a Certified Instructor License and many other flight certifications. He especially loved spending time “in the air” and enjoyed a second career being employed at the Brainard Airport in Hartford, CT. Upon retiring from flying, he volunteered as a docent at the New England Air Museum and was an active member in the Connecticut Old Guard and a WWII History Book Club.

Bill’s real passion was teaching. He had an incredible mind that constantly inspired those around him. Whether he was at the operating table, in the clinic or his office (his preferred classrooms), giving flying lessons from the cockpit of his Cessna 182 (2351G), leading tours at the air museum dispensing fascinating historical details about WWII, or sharing his vast general knowledge on almost any topic, Bill will undoubtedly be remembered by many whose lives were enriched by his friendship and guidance.

Bill is survived by his devoted wife and life partner, Marian (Forti) Hewett, and his 8 children Lori (Hazard) Demaria, Terri (Hazard) Bonee, Amy Hewett, Jodi (Hazard) Mallon, Michael Hewett, Catherine Hewett, Jacqui (Hazard) O’Keefe and William J. Hewett, Jr. along with their spouses and 17 grandchildren.

The family wishes to express their special thanks to Renee Green for her invaluable help over the past 4 years, and most recently the hospice services provided by Hartford HealthCare at Home. In lieu of flowers, please consider donating “in memory of Dr. William J. Hewett” to Parkinson’s Foundation at 1359 Broadway Unit 1509, NYC, NY 10018 or Hartford HealthCare at Home-Hospice at 1290 Silas Deane Highway, Wethersfield, CT 06109 or any charity of your choice.

A memorial service is planned for Spring 2024. In the meantime, please help remember Bill by sharing your memories at Molloy Funeral Home: <https://ww>

[w.molloyfuneralhome.com/](http://w.molloyfuneralhome.com/).

# Tribute Wall

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“ I was truly blessed to know Dr. Hewett. Bill was my instructor and introduction to flying airplanes as a teenager and was a wonderful teacher and very skilled pilot. He instilled habits in me that I have used throughout my flying career both as a professional pilot and a flight instructor myself. He had a quiet way of instilling confidence in you to be your best and see it in you before you sometimes saw it within yourself. When I was 16, Bill had us fly to the Windham airport to do some landings. I knew my first solo flight could be that day and was nervous, but after making some of the worst landings I’ve ever made, he took me back to Brainard where I assumed we were done for the day...wrong! We landed, he asked me to taxi back to the ramp, and when we stopped...said he was getting out. As he finished signing me off to solo and got out of the airplane, he looked up at me and said “Ricky, you’re ready, you’re going to do great. Have fun up there...” 22 years ago and I still remember that like it was yesterday. Bill was a talented teacher but an even better human being. He lived a full life and I’m grateful in some small way, I was a part of it. He gave me a wonderful start to my own flying adventure and I’m grateful to have called him a mentor and friend.

Rick Mahoney

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Rick Mahoney - February 11, 2024 at 10:46 AM

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Rest in peace... - February 11, 2024 at 10:19 AM



“ *Bill was one of the smartest and most humble people I have known. I loved talking to him about. A myriad of subjects. He was a real thinker.*

*He and Marian were great host and hostess. They made entertaining look easy.*

*I will miss him so much*

*Janet ossen*

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**Janet Ossen** - February 09, 2024 at 04:00 PM



“ *Our condolences Richard & Barbara Delorso planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dr. William J. Hewett, Sr..*

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**Our condolences Richard & Barbara Delorso** - February 09, 2024 at 10:17 AM



“ *Jamie and I and our families send our deepest condolences to all of you. We have so many wonderful memories of our families together that we will cherish. We are thinking of you and hoping you find comfort in the wonderful memories you shared. May Dr. Hewett's memory be a blessing.*

*Much love, Lizzie (Murray) Hourigan*

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**Elizabeth M Hourigan** - February 08, 2024 at 03:22 PM



“ *My prayers are with the Hewitt family at this sad time. He leaves a great legacy. Jackie DeMaria*

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**Jacqueline DeMaria** - February 07, 2024 at 10:05 AM

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**Terri Bonee** - February 06, 2024 at 05:40 PM

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*My deepest condolences to the Hewett family. Bill & Family are very special to for many reasons. What a wonderful caring person. I will miss Bill as he was such an inspiration and close friend. May he rest in peace.  
Greg & Sue Kitchen.*

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**Greg & Sue Kitchen** - February 12, 2024 at 10:40 AM