



Dudley H. Manchester Jr

August 27, 1925 - August 9, 2013

Dudley H. Manchester, Jr., of West Hartford, passed away on Friday (August 9, 2013) just short of his 88th birthday. He died at home surrounded by his wife of 55 years, Arlene, and his children Anne, Haley, and Courtney. He was born in Winsted, CT, and was the son of Dudley H. Manchester and Esther (Reed) Manchester. He attended the Gilbert School, and went on to graduate from Wesleyan University where he was a member of the Honors College. He received his BA and MA from Wesleyan, and a second MA of English from the U. of Michigan at Ann Arbor. He was a voracious reader and always had his books nearby.

An avid outdoorsman, Dudley particularly loved hiking with his dog, bicycling, and going to South Bristol, Maine, in the summer. He wrote poetry throughout his life, and could spend hours capturing nature with his old Rolleiflex camera. His other interests included kayaking, canoeing, cross-country skiing, playing chess, target shooting, fencing, and bee keeping.

He truly enjoyed teaching English, and spent 34 years doing just that at HPHS, retiring in 1991. He loved his inner-city students. He also taught at SUNY College in NY and in Michigan.

In addition to his family mentioned above, he is survived by his daughter-in-law, Van, his grandchildren Kimberly and Khoi, and his sister Ann Shubert of Acton, MA. He was predeceased by his parents, his sister, Lois Harpole of Pasadena, CA, and his sister Carole Pillay of NYC.

There will be a service and scattering of his ashes at a time to be determined

by the family.

Donations may be made in his memory to any animal or wildlife charity, or to any charity of your choosing.

Online expressions of condolences may be made at www.molloyfuneralhome.com

Tribute Wall

PO

“ *My Uncle Dudley was a great character in my life. He stood out as an outdoorsman, often off for a walk, bicycle ride or canoe exploration. I picture him with pipe in hand, wearing a beret, quietly telling me a tale or testing my knowledge. I see him with a book, among books, with not a pulp title to be seen -- literature and the classics, or rich non-fiction. I recall his humor -- understated, eye-twinkling, dry and ironic. He taught me much about chess, including the very manner of chess concentration and etiquette. Mostly, I remember him as an iconic figure in McFarland's cove, where he seemed to be utterly at home. Adios Dudley, and my love to Anne, Courtney, Haley, Arlene and all who will miss him.*

Paul Otteson - September 17, 2013 at 09:45 AM

LJ

“ *Dear Arlene and Faimly,*

I am saddened to have recently learned of the passing of your loving husband Dudley Manchester, Jr. Please accept my heart felt sympathy for you at this time of sorrow for your loss. Dudley was a good man and I did so enjoy him in my early years of growing up as my neighbor. I did so like meeting you on your trips to visit with the Manchester family in Winsted. My thoughts and prayers are with you. I hope you stay close to your family and friends who love you and can give you the much needed support during this most difficult and painful time. I wish you well.

Larry Henrickson

Larry Henrickson, Jr. - August 24, 2013 at 11:54 AM

HU

“ Dear Mrs. Manchester, anh Haley, Courtney and Ann and the Manchester's family,

We are deeply sorry to hear about Mr. Manchester! Our sincere condolences to your family! We are sure that Mr. Manchester will be missed dearly. Our thoughts and prayers are with you in this difficult time.

Sincerely,

Jim, Huong, Kiet and Khoi Totten

huong - August 19, 2013 at 08:10 PM

BC

“ Dear Arlene~

I wanted to send my sincere condolences to you and your family. I know it has been quite a while since I have stopped by to visit (I rarely come to West Hartford anymore), but you have always been in my thoughts. I have such fond memories of you and of Dudley and how welcome you always made me feel when I would stop by. Please know that my thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time. Dudley will be greatly missed by those who were lucky enough to have known him.

Barbara (Lanza) Collins

Barbara (Lanza) Collins - August 19, 2013 at 12:16 PM

AS

“ Dear Arlene,

Whenever I drove by your home, I wondered how you and Dudley were doing. I'm sorry I didn't stop to say hello.. Dudley was one of the first teachers I met when I joined the HPHS faculty on Hopkins St. and I remember being in awe of him. Dressed in his tweed jacket, and with his mild manner of speaking, he reminded me of a professor in a private boys' school. I enjoyed his droll way of telling stories and was always impressed by his knowledge and love of the arts. My prayers are with you and your family.

Agatha Shepherd

Agatha Shepherd - August 16, 2013 at 08:51 AM

AG

Mrs. Shepherd, you were my biology teacher at HPHS in 1965. You, Mr. Manchester, Mrs. White, Miss Pollard, Mrs. Wilson, and Mr. Blankenburg were the teachers--among a plethora of fine teachers--whose classes were my most memorable. I hope you are well and enjoying life. Please know that many, many HPHS alumni have--and still share--good memories of our years at that wonderful school. Our teachers were the best.

Anne Goshdigian - August 17, 2013 at 10:43 AM

HC

“ Dear Arlene and family,

It is with great sadness that we learn of your loss. It has been many years since our paths were connected but we have thought of you all often, particularly remembering all the memories of our past association at First Methodist. You all are in our prayers.

Sandra Ann and Harold Craig

Harold Craig - August 13, 2013 at 03:41 PM