



Edwin M. Dahill Jr

December 7, 2020

Edwin McNeil Dahill Jr., 101, of West Hartford, CT passed away peacefully at his home on Monday, December 7th. Ed is now reunited with his wife of 64 years, Patricia McCallum Dahill. Born September 5th 1919 as the eldest son of Edwin and Mary Dahill, Ed grew up in the North End of Hartford and loved to visit his old neighborhood. He was a proud alumnus of Weaver High School.

Ed graduated from Georgetown University in 1941 and entered Yale Law School the following fall. After the attack on Pearl Harbor, he entered the Army and served outside London during World War II. Returning to Connecticut after the war, Ed worked for G. Fox and Company, was principal of Canton High School, and received his Doctor of Education degree from Columbia University in 1971. He spent his career as a professor at Central Connecticut State College.

Ed and Pat were avid sports people, playing tennis in the summer, paddle tennis in the winter, and making frequent trips to Stratton Mountain for Vermont skiing. Later in his life, Ed fell in love with windsurfing, frequently following the wind to New London where he had spent summers as a child. Ed cherished his regular lunches with his tennis group at the Hartford Golf Club. Ed will be remembered for his enthusiasm and insatiable curiosity. Whether it was world events or his grandkids' summer jobs, he always asked questions and wanted to learn more.

Ed is survived by his four children and their spouses, Sara Dahill O'Connell

and her husband John, Edwin M. Dahill III and his wife Kathleen, Kenneth L. M. Dahill and his wife Joanne, and John J. T. Dahill and his wife Pamela. Ed also leaves six grandchildren: Courtney and Isabel O'Connell, Margaret and Edwin M. Dahill IV, and Luke and Jack Dahill. Additionally, Ed leaves many beloved cousins, nieces, nephews, grand-nieces, and grand-nephews. In addition to his wife Pat, Ed was predeceased by his brother, Robert C. Dahill and Robert's wife Janet F. Dahill. Ed was a dynamic and engaging grandfather, father, brother, uncle, cousin, and friend, and will be greatly missed. Contributions in Ed's memory can be made to the Literacy Volunteers of Greater Hartford and Renbrook School. Online expressions of sympathy may be made at www.molloyfuneralhome.com

Tribute Wall

KS

“ We were saddened upon learning of our good friend and fellow Old Guard member's passing. Edwin was an active member of our group for thirty-five years. At our meeting today, Edwin's memory was honored and recognized by prayers for him and his family. Edwin was an unassuming, true and kind gentlemen whom we will greatly miss. May he rest in peace.
Kevin Slane, Asst. Secretary – The Old Guard, Inc.

Kevin Slane - December 15, 2020 at 12:41 PM

BB

“ Your dad was such a good cousin to all of us Bagnalls. We used to enjoy all the different stories about the adventures and places that he saw and went to. I also enjoyed visiting when I used to come over and do the dog and he used to get a kick out of letting the dog out the backyard go run on the golf course. I'm sorry for his passing but he had it full long life and love to all of you very much and was very proud of all of you too. I have a lot of fun with all his friends and family by his side now. My condolences to you Sarah and the rest of the family take care Barb Bagnall.

Barbara Bagnall - December 12, 2020 at 01:20 PM

KR

“ Ed was a super volunteer tutor in the the evening GED program that I directed at the Urban League of Greater Hartford, a regional civil rights organization. Due to his kindness and use of innovative and efficacious teaching methods, his class became so popular over time that he ended up with more students than the regular teacher! At times, his class was standing room only. Ed was a very special person and will be greatly missed.
Kathleen Reilly

Kathleen Reilly - December 11, 2020 at 11:02 PM

LK

“ Though I didn't spend a lot of time with Uncle Ed he made a great impression on me as a young man. His class and youthful energy were a source of inspiration and gave me a model for the type of person I wanted to be. I saw him for the last time in 2015 and he was the same man I had known all those years ago. He will be missed.

Lee Krawczyk

Lee Krawczyk - December 11, 2020 at 02:46 PM

RF

“ Ed graduated from Weaver class 1937 and my father, Joseph Fraser, Jr was in the same class and Ed in fact signed his photo/summary in the yearbook we still have. As with that class my father and Ed and Ray Thomson, also in the class, served in the service during the war. Ed was in England, Ray was a captain under General Patton, and Joe was a fighter bomber pilot in northern Burma and flew 87 combat missions. Unfortunately Joe died in a 1947 army plane crash in this country.

The Weaver class of 1937 with those born in 1919 was certainly a tribute to the Hartford area and I am thankful with my father's yearbook to have been able thru the Hartford Courant to understand the graduates more.

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Reid Fraser - December 11, 2020 at 01:08 PM

JW

“ My memories go back to 1956 when we moved as a new married couple to an apartment on South Quaker Lane. At about the same time Ed and Pat moved to the apartment one floor beneath us. We had our first child, Tucker H. Warner, Jr, (Tod) while there and then moved to our first house when he was about 2. Ed and Pat must have had a baby there too. A few things thing I loved about Ed were his wonderful "joie de vivre"; and his pride in his family, children and grandchildren; and his genuine interest in what I, as the person he was talking to, was up to. He was a man it was always fun to see and talk with. What a great life he had. His 100 year birthday party was a joy. So I send along my sympathy at his loss, but thanks for being one of his friends and admirers

Joan Warner

Joan Warner - December 11, 2020 at 11:05 AM

SW

“ The whole Shepard and Wodell Family sends their condolences.

Shepard and Wodell - December 11, 2020 at 10:32 AM

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Patricia M. Teich - December 11, 2020 at 09:21 AM

MS

“ I remember Mr. Dahill in the first day of class with him in the fall of 1956 at Canton High. He was a serious teacher and encouraged us to do our best.

Margaret Hudon Stenberg

Margaret Stenberg - December 10, 2020 at 11:19 AM