



Ernie Lefebvre

March 12, 2018

Ernest (Ernie) A. Lefebvre, 93, beloved husband of 52 years to the late Una Moriarty Lefebvre of West Hartford died peacefully, on Monday, March 12th, 2018. Born in Bristol, to the late Ernest N. and Olivine (Hemond) Lefebvre, he resided in West Hartford for the past 60 years. Ernest graduated from Bristol High School in 1942 as a three sport athlete and went on to serve in Army Intelligence during WWII, participating in the drive across France and the Battle of the Bulge. After VE Day, Ernie played football and basketball for the Army All-Stars throughout Europe. He attended the University of Connecticut and was a member of the Kappa Sigma fraternity graduating with a degree in Accounting in 1950. He played football for four years and captained the team his senior year. He was a devoted football and basketball alumnus attending home and away games for the majority of his life.

Ernie's professional career included the New Departure (GM) in Bristol, Royal Typewriter in Hartford, and 21 years of committed service to Zero Manufacturing, in Monson, Massachusetts, as the chief controller of all US divisions. He was a communicant of St. Timothy's Church in West Hartford and volunteered his time for many years including record keeping for the parish working closely with Pastor, Father Francis O'Neil.

Ernie enjoyed many interests including music, sports, gardening, and traveling. As a young boy, he learned to play the piano by ear, and throughout his entire life he entertained generations of friends and family with his gift to create music. If music was not coming from his own piano, it was always

playing throughout his home. He routinely vacationed at Cape Cod attending Chatham Band Concerts with his family. Ernie was an avid sports fan of the Red Sox, Celtics, and the Patriots. He was known to never miss a game for one of his teams. He loved to play golf and was a member of the Quaboag Country Club in Monson, MA. Ernie enjoyed landscaping his yard and had a passion for creating beautiful potted flower arrangements.

Ernie was a pillar of self discipline. His ethos was informed by his experiences in the Great Depression and WW II as a member of the Greatest Generation. He was a mentor, personal coach, and loving father, grandfather and great grandfather. His life wisdom was valued by all who knew him. His bigger than life presence left an imprint on those closest to him. His strength, guidance, and love will be missed greatly by all.

Ernie is survived by his adoring children; Major General Paul E. Lefebvre, USMC (Ret) and his wife Debbie of Emerald Isle, NC, Beth Anne Van Vranken of West Hartford, Ellen Jane Klein of Wethersfield, and Melinda Lefebvre of Scottsboro, AL. He leaves five beloved grandchildren, Dr. Thomas Lefebvre and his wife Dr. Chelsea Lefebvre, Elizabeth Shelton and her husband Matthew Shelton, Grace Van Vranken, Emily Stanwick and William Stanwick. He also leaves behind five great grandchildren, PJ, Penelope, and Ernie Lefebvre and Sophie and Isla Shelton. Ernie was predeceased by his sister, Gloria Ann (Kiki) Lemoine of Bristol.

Calling hours will be held on Thursday, March 15th, from 4 p.m.-7 p.m. at Molloy Funeral Home, 906 Farmington Ave., West Hartford. His funeral will be with a Mass of Christian Burial on Friday, March 16th at 11 a.m. in The Church of St. Timothy, 1116 North Main Street, West Hartford. Burial will follow at Fairview Cemetery.

Cemetery Details

Fairview Cemetery

200 Whitman Ave.
West Hartford, CT

Previous Events

Calling Hours

MAR 15. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Molloy Funeral Home
906 Farmington Ave
West Hartford, CT 06119
(860) 232-1322

Mass of Christian Burial

MAR 16. 11:00 AM (ET)

Church of St. Timothy
1116 North Main St
West Hartford, CT 06117
(860) 233-5131

Tribute Wall

JM

“ *As strange as this sounds, I was just remembering Ernie the other day!...I recall that he was a wonderful, caring man...Very funny too!!...He had a nickname for everything...I did some yard work for him and have to say he was a stickler for perfection (which he received!)..I am sure he was not happy about Uconn missing March Madness this year! My condolences to all of the Lefebvre clan. I will hold you all in my prayers..God Bless...John Maloney.....Athens Georgia..*

John Maloney - March 15, 2018 at 04:47 PM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ernie Lefebvre.*



March 15, 2018 at 11:44 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Ernie Lefebvre.*



March 15, 2018 at 09:12 AM

PW

“ On behalf of President & Head of School Christian Cashman and the entire Northwest Catholic High School community, I offer our sincere condolences on the passing of Ernest Lefebvre. Ernest’s children, Paul ’71 & Deborah ’71, Beth Anne ’73, Ellen Jane ’74, and Melinda ’76, and his grandchildren, Grace ’08, Emily ’13, and William ’15, are all valued members of the NWC community, so we mourn the loss of Ernest along with all who loved him.

Please know that your family is in our prayers and that Ernest will be remembered in a special way at our next school-wide Mass in April.

We are very sorry for your loss.

Patricia Walsh

NWC Dir. of Advancement

Patricia Walsh - March 14, 2018 at 10:57 PM

JF

“ Prayers to the entire family. He was a dedicated family man. Hoping your loving memories will carry you through this difficult time.

Julie Facey - March 14, 2018 at 06:34 PM

CH

“ We are so sorry for your loss. We know what he meant to all of you and how he loved his family. He was so fortunate in having all of your love around him. We know he will be missed. Please accept our condolences.

The Straus Family

Christine Hainsworth-Straus - March 14, 2018 at 02:48 PM

JO

“ *Joi purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Ernie Lefebvre.*



Joi - March 14, 2018 at 02:45 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Ernie Lefebvre.*



March 14, 2018 at 11:36 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Ernie Lefebvre.*



March 14, 2018 at 10:45 AM

TB

“ *I just saw that your Dad passed on Monday and I am so sorry that such a wonderful, strong, devoted, loving and faithful man is gone from this world. I am happy that he has joined your loving mom and together they will watch over your family. Please know that the Nottes will never forget either of your parents. With love, Terry*

Theresa Becker - March 14, 2018 at 09:27 AM

KL

“ *Kathleen Larkin purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Ernie Lefebvre.*



Kathleen Larkin - March 14, 2018 at 08:03 AM

CV

“ *I always enjoyed seeing Ernie. His sense of humor was only surpassed by his love for his family. He was proud of all of his children. Ernie also gave great advice. Worrying about his warrior son - Major General Paul Lefebvre, USMC, (Ret.), Ernie told me he would tell Paul "keep your head low" so that he wouldn't get shot at! He will be missed.
Cheryl and family*

Cheryl Vallee - March 13, 2018 at 06:04 PM