



Gerald W. Brady

October 10, 2017

Gerald W. Brady of Bloomfield passed away on Tuesday, October 10 with his beloved wife Jane and children by his side. Gerry was the only child of Walter G. Brady and Catherine G. Gallagher, and lived most of his life in West Hartford. He graduated from Kingswood School in 1946, competed in three varsity sports, playing a key role on the School's undefeated 1945 Hall of Fame football team. He was also active in multiple club organizations. After Kingswood Gerry attended Brown University, graduating in 1950, remaining Ever True to this day. Gerry was a member of the Phi Gamma Delta fraternity, and in 1950 led his 75 member group to a first place finish amongst 17 competitors in the Annual Inter-fraternity Sing. During his school years, Gerry worked at Burnham & Brady, Inc. a candy manufacturer in East Hartford, founded by his father in 1925. Upon graduation from Brown in 1950, Gerry joined the Connecticut Air National Guard, which was ultimately federalized during the Korean War as a part of the U.S. Air Force. Commissioned as a 2nd Lieutenant, Gerry left the Air Guard after eight reserve years. At night and while working full time at Burnham & Brady, Gerry studied at the University of Connecticut School of Law, graduating and passing the Bar in 1964. He then opened and acted as a principal in a law office of Brady, Willard and Alexander in East Hartford until 2005, thereafter as a solo practitioner until his retirement in 2014. Well aware of his civic duties, he served as an Assistant Corporation Counsel for the Town of East Hartford as well as later serving as Chairman of the West Hartford Town Planning and Zoning Commission from

1973 to 1978. An active Rotarian, Gerry was a member of the East Hartford Chapter for over 40 years. As a founding family of St. Timothy's Church in 1961, Gerry remained active in the parish community as a benefactor while also serving as a past President of the Church Council. He initiated the Greeter's Program which continues to this day. An avid recreationalist, Gerry and family spent over 50 years at Giant's Neck Beach in Niantic, forging life-long friendships with his GNB neighbors. He derived great pleasure sailing his beloved Ensign, The Bhisti and fishing the waters of Long Island Sound. He was a member of the Pattagansett Private Dock Association, serving as an officer for multiple tenures. Gerry and his wife Jane (Geach) met in Falmouth Massachusetts when each was 16 years old. They were married in 1952 and would have celebrated their 65th anniversary on October 25, 2017. They primarily lived in West Hartford, raising four children: Catherine Brady Fernandez (husband David), Susan Brady (husband Greg Miles), Gib Brady and Stephen Brady (wife Lisa). Gerry and Jane were blessed with six grandchildren: Tyler Fernandez, Brooke Fernandez, Jack Brady, Taylor Brady, Kelan Brady and Clare Brady. Gerry and Jane have always been enormously proud of their children and grandchildren, thoroughly enjoying their individual successes and were frequently on-hand to watch their artistic or athletic endeavors.

The Brady family greatly thanks Kemorine Brown, Norma Cheeks and Charmaine Hayles, each of whom supported Gerry and Jane in his final years. Their wonderful care, sensitivity, friendship and love for Gerry eased his final chapter, providing comfort to the family as well. Calling hours will be held from 4 to 7PM on Thursday, October 19, at Molloy Funeral Home, located at 906 Farmington Ave in West Hartford. A Mass of Christian burial will be held on Friday, October 20th at 10AM at the Church of St. Timothy, located at 1116 North Main Street in West Hartford. Immediately following the Mass an interment service will be held at Mt. Saint Benedict Cemetery (1 Cottage Grove Road, Bloomfield). If contemplation of a donation is to be made in Gerry's honor, please consider Kingswood-Oxford School or the Church of St.

Timothy. Online expressions of sympathy may be made at www.molloyfuneralhome.com

Cemetery Details

Mount Saint Benedict

1 Cottage Grove Road
Bloomfield, CT

Previous Events

Calling Hours

OCT **19**. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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

Mass of Christian Burial

OCT **20**. 10:00 AM (ET)

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

Tribute Wall

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“ Dear Jane - We are deeply saddened and sorry to hear of Jerry's passing. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. We will always remember Gerry's laughter and cherish his forgiving love and pride in his family. We will also miss his wise and sincere counsel. We have so many fond memories from our brief visits to Connecticut including his love of Broadway musicals as demonstrated by his singing songs from his favorites at the top of his lungs. We can see him now in top hat in My Fair Lady.

With deepest sympathy,

Doug & Nell Fernandez

Nell & Doug Fernandez - October 19, 2017 at 02:25 PM

TP

“ Jane, sorry I was unable to attend. My sincere condolences to you and your family. Gerry was a high class guy. We go back a long way. Sincerely, Tom Preston

Tom Preston - October 18, 2017 at 10:46 AM

DB

“ Dear Brady family,

On behalf of the entire Kingswood Oxford School community, Monica and I extend our sincerest and heartfelt condolences to you. I last spent time with Gerald Brady during this past summer's induction ceremony into Kingswood Oxford Athletic Hall of Fame in Roberts Theater on our campus. Gerald was surrounded by loving family members then, and I know that they and we will always continue to carry Gerald's memory and legacy in our hearts.

Sincerely,

Monica & Dennis Bisgaard

Dennis Bisgaard - October 17, 2017 at 12:38 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Gerald W. Brady.



October 17, 2017 at 11:22 AM

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“ *To the Brady Family:*

Gerry was one of the finest gentlemen I've ever known. He was a caring person, and lawyer, and took great pride in helping others. His smile, and wit just put you at ease, and you always knew that your common clients (I was a "banker by trade") were in good hands, if Gerry was handling their legal matters.

Gerry was one of those people that made this crazy world seem much better than it truly is, and I know he will be missed by everyone who knew him.

God Bless! Tom McGuire

Tom McGuire - October 16, 2017 at 02:09 PM