



Hubert Schwan

July 29, 2015

Hubert Schwan, 83, of West Hartford, died on July 29, 2015, after a sudden, brief illness. Hubert was born in East Prussia, now Poland, the elder of two sons of Bruno and Maria Link Schwan. He had a bachelors and master degrees in Sociology from the University of Notre Dame, Indiana a theology degree from the Pontifical Gregorian University in Rome and an MSW from the University of Connecticut. He was a researcher who directed the Catholic Sociology Center in Bogota, Colombia, where he met his wife of 44 years, Nelly Rojas. In the USA he held private and public jobs, always focused on betterment of society and opportunities for vulnerable populations. His last employer was the Planning Department of the Community Renewal Team, an anti-poverty agency in Hartford. Hubert was an adventurous spirit, and had a rich, varied life that included living in a number of different countries. In his youth, he traveled through Europe on a bike he built himself. He continued to be a voracious traveler until his death. A curious and inquisitive mind, his interests included philosophy, cultural studies, especially native populations, chess playing and carpentry. A kind and loving man, he will be missed by his wife Nelly, his son and daughter-in-law, Daniel and Elizabeth Schwan and their children, Penelope and Benjamin Hubert; his brother Clemens, and nieces Barbara, Christina and Cornelia Schwan of Germany; brother-in-law Camilo Rojas, his wife, Beatrice, and son Pablo; sisters-in-law, Esperanza Arrango, Hilda Rojas and their families. Calling hours will be Friday (7/31) 6:00pm-7:30pm at Molloy Funeral Home, 906 Farmington Ave., West

Hartford. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Monday (8/3) at 10:00am at St. Peter Claver, 47 Pleasant St., West Hartford. Burial will follow in Fairview Cemetery. Online expressions of sympathy may be made at www.molloyfuneralhome.com

Cemetery Details

Fairview Cemetery

200 Whitman Ave.
West Hartford, CT

Previous Events

Calling Hours

JUL 31. 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM (ET)

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

Mass of Christian Burial

AUG 3. 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Peter Claver Church
47 Pleasant St
West Hartford, CT

Tribute Wall

DE

“ Nelly, I just heard about Hubert and am so very sorry. I am thinking of you.

Diane Edell

Diane Edell - September 16, 2015 at 09:01 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Hubert Schwan.



August 02, 2015 at 11:29 AM

BB

“ *Nelly, our deepest sympathy to you and Danny upon the loss of Hubert. We were always impressed with his character and commitment to family, friends and the community. We are out of town, returning only late Monday, sorry we cannot be there with an in person hug for you. Will be in touch soon. Love, Martha and Bob.*

Bob and Martha Belliveau - July 31, 2015 at 09:06 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Hubert Schwan.



July 31, 2015 at 01:16 PM

AR

“ I was so sorry to hear of Hubert's passing. I met Hubert many years ago, in my current capacity as Director of Human Services for the Town of Avon, while he assisted us in successfully implementing employment and training programs for our clients. Hubert was a kind, compassionate person who truly cared about helping others.

On a personal level, I enjoyed our philosophical discussions about "the search for meaning in one's life", and "taking the road less traveled".....

My condolences to the family...Hubert was a great person, who will be truly missed.

Sincerely,

Alan Rosenberg

Alan Rosenberg - July 31, 2015 at 08:23 AM

WB

I was so lucky to have worked with Hubert for the past 7 years. He was smart, kind, funny, fascinating, and unflappable. (And there were many times at the office during which he could have been "flapped.") His travel stories and photographs were wonderful and he was generous in sharing his pictures of his adorable grandchildren, too. While I wish that we all could have had many more years with Hubert, he lived a life truly worth celebrating. I hope that the knowledge of his life's richness and his abiding love for his family can serve as a solace to his loved ones.

Willa

Willa Bloch - July 31, 2015 at 08:54 AM

IS

So sorry to hear of his passing. My prayers to you and your family Nelly. So sorry I will not be able to come to pay my respects. Know I am praying for you. Ines Schroeder

Ines Schroeder - July 31, 2015 at 04:42 PM

JR

Nelly, I never had the pleasure of meeting Hubert but heard wonderful things about him from Evelyn. I wanted to extend my condolences to you and your family. June Roy

June Roy - July 31, 2015 at 06:55 PM

NM

I was so sorry to hear about Hubert. I had the pleasure of working with Hubert for several years while I was the Head Start director in East Hartford. Whenever it was grant writing time Hubert would always be so helpful and patient as we worked to meet the deadlines. He had such a zest for life and he was always so kind to me. My heartfelt sympathies to the family.

Nancy Moriarty - August 03, 2015 at 06:26 AM