



## Robert Andrew Heavilin

January 12, 1936 - February 25, 2011

Robert Andrew Heavilin of Bloomfield and former resident of West Hartford, CT passed away on Friday, February 25th due to complications from Alzheimer's.

Known throughout his life as "Bob" he was born to the late J Seegar and Elsie Weniess Heavilin on January 12, 1936 in New York City.

Bob graduated from high school at the age of 16 and then went on to earn an Artium Baccalaureus from the University of Chicago by the age of 19. He later earned a Master's degree in Divinity from Boston University, a Master's degree in Counseling Psychology from the University of Connecticut and a Doctorate in Counseling Psychology, also from the University of Connecticut. He served briefly in the US Army Signal Corps in the 1950's.

Bob was a life-long educator, starting his 40+ year career as a middle school teacher in Verona, NJ. In the 1960's he practiced as a Congregational Minister in New Jersey and Connecticut. After earning his degrees at UConn, Bob began working as a professor of psychology at Capital Community College. Later he also taught at the graduate level at Central Connecticut State University. Additionally, Bob had a private practice in marital and family counseling.

Bob was a passionate sports fan of the Jets and Yankees. He was also an avid hiker who introduced generations of the family to the White Mountains. A raucous game of Hearts accompanied by a glass of good single malt was one of his most favorite family gatherings.

Bob is survived by his beloved wife of 32 years Mary Calvert-Heavilin, his sister Jeanne Heavilin, and his children and step-children and their spouses: Jeanmarie Seabaugh and her husband Steve, Michael Heavilin and his wife Polly, Jane Kellogg and her husband Peter, Susan Calvert, Deborah Heavilin and her husband Bruce Fryer, Sandra Calvert Nathans and her husband Robert, Charles Calvert and his wife Pam Hewitt, and Laura Hill and her husband Douglas; plus his nephew Jay Heavilin, niece Gail Teague and her husband Greg, and niece Tracy Burkhardt. ?Grandpa Bob? is also survived by his many grandchildren, great grandchildren and great nieces and nephews, all of whom he loved dearly.

A memorial service will be held on Friday, March 4th at 2:00 PM in the chapel at the First Church of Christ Congregational, 12 South Main Street, West Hartford, CT.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to the Alzheimer?s Association. P.O. Box 96011, Washington, DC 20090-6011, Ph: 800.272.3900 [www.altz.org](http://www.altz.org). Molloy Funeral Home, West Hartford has care of arrangements.

# Tribute Wall



“ Today I learned of Bob Heavilin's passing, way too late to send condolences to his family, only one of whom I've ever met. I had not seen Bob for years and am glad now, because I, for one, will always I remember that brilliant, compassionate man as he blazed his amazing path through life. He gave his time to helping others--for as long as I can remember, staffing a church clinic to help those less fortunate, often persons of little or no means, always making time in an insanely-busy schedule. For years, when our paths crossed we would sit and sip a bit of scotch, often talking baseball, trading jokes and solving or parodying Mensa puzzles; you become an immediate member if you get perfect SAT scores like Bob did. Beyond his valuable contributions to community service, teaching, and ministering, he always managed to make me laugh and was ever a valued friend. I shall miss him. ##imported-begin##Carla Kelly##imported-end##

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“ *Bob was my mentor and dear friend for 10 years. Watching this brilliant man fade into the abyss of Alzheimer's disease was heart wrenching.*

*Bob volunteered to speak in my classes where he charmed the students with lessons taught for years and seemed untouched by the ravages of memory loss. In April, 2005 he stopped in mid story. Seeing the panic in his eyes, I stepped in to recover and protect. Within minutes, he told the students of his struggle, knowing the lesson was actually part of the course, but more important a teachable moment they would never forget. The students were visibly moved and many stopped to chat with Bob after class. Bravely, he beamed.*

*After my mother died, Bob witnessed my struggle grieving her loss, he told me to ride out the waves of your grief and it will enhance your Eternal connection with your Mother.*

*Time to ride the waves again. Love is never limiting. May my dear friend find Eternal peace in Heaven.*

*Always,*

*Peggy###imported-begin###Dr. Peggy Lauria###imported-end###*

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