



## Walter Stosuy

December 8, 2010

Walter Stosuy, 73, father, teacher, coach and friend died Wednesday Dec. 8, 2010 in West Hartford where he had made his home the past 45 years. Born in Brooklyn, NY, son of the late John and Mary Mohar Stosuy, he was a graduate of Seymour High School and a 1960 graduate of Southern Connecticut State Teachers College. He was a member of the 1954 All State Football Team and after his college career played semi-pro football for the Ansonia Knights. Walt taught at Northwest Catholic High School beginning in 1962. He established the NWC football program in 1964 serving as head coach for 18 years. He also coached girls softball and boys tennis and was fondly remembered for his Drivers Ed classes. He was a CIAC Merit Award Winner, Coach of the year in 1974, holder of a 10 seasons .500+ record, a member of the NWC Alumni Hall of Fame, and a recipient of many other awards and recognitions. The Physical Education Facility at NWC, the Walter Stosuy Gym, was named in his honor. Walt endeared himself to many with a legendary sense of humor, a kind heart underneath a gruff exterior, and his genuine love of his students. He is survived by his family; sons Jon and his wife Caren of Tolland, and Alan of Hartford, his daughters, Ellyn ?Lyn? Stosuy of Farmington, Beth Guerrette and her husband Carl of Newington, and Cara Stosuy of Franklin, TN. His grandchildren; Jennifer and Lauren Stosuy, Alixandra Hryniewicki, Jason Guerrette USMC, and his wife Marissa, Aarika Guerrette, his great grandson Angelo Stosuy, and soon a new great granddaughter, many nieces and nephews, grand nieces and nephews also

survive him. He also leaves his sister Sophie Potter, his sisters-in-law Ruth and Adrienne Stosuy, and his dear friend and confidant Barbara Iorillo. He was pre-deceased by his sister Helen Miles and brothers Anthony and John. Friends are invited to join Walter's family at the celebration of his Mass of Christian Burial on Monday December 13th at 12 Noon in the Church of St. Timothy 1116 No. Main St. West Hartford. Burial will follow in Fairview Cemetery, West Hartford. Calling hours will be Sunday Dec. 12, from 4-7 p.m. at the Molloy Funeral Home 906 Farmington Ave. West Hartford, CT. The Stosuy family requests that memorial donations be made to Northwest Catholic High School for the Walter Stosuy Scholarship, Advancement Office, 29 Wampanoag Dr. West Hartford, CT 06117. Online remembrances may be made at [www.molloyfuneralhome.com](http://www.molloyfuneralhome.com)

# Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. Stosuy was the stereotypical gym teacher, and was great with young people with different personalities and backgrounds, and was instrumental in shaping boys into young men. He will be surely missed.##imported-begin##Royd Vassiljev, '85##imported-end##*

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December 27, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ *To Al, Jon and the Stosuy Family, I was in Florida, upon my return I found out about Mr Stosuy. Your Dad was a big influence in my life and time at Northwest! I'm sure you have heard it all by now. He was tough as nails and that "bark" of his, you NEVER wanted to cross him BUT, His smile was as bright and wide as the sun! Mr Stos, May You Rest in Peace and Be comfortable now. God Bless You##imported-begin##Tony Giusani ##imported-end##*

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December 18, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ *Walt was a true leader, mentor and family man. He had as much influence on me as my our father. I will never forget him.##imported-begin##Mike Flaherty##imported-end##*

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December 15, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ *Coach, thank you for being the great influence on my Northwest years and life.##imported-begin##John Mastro##imported-end##*

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December 14, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ *Stos was THE gym teacher depicted in any movie with a scene from a typical high school gym class. We will miss you!*”  
— Brian DeConti

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December 14, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ *many prayers and blessings to you and yours in this difficult time.*

*Love*

*Beth, Bob & Family*”  
— Beth Ludwig

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December 13, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ *I was fortunate to be a physical education/coaching colleague of Walt's in the GHCEA. Even though our schools were often locked in athletic battles, Walt was always good for a laugh or ten. He always spoke the truth, but laced it with his great sense of humor. I admired and respected him and always sought his company whenever I could. If there's a gymnasium, gridiron or diamond in Heaven, smiling Walt is leading the charge! I will miss you, Walt.*  
*Jim Penders, East Catholic*”  
— Jim Penders

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December 12, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ Coach Stosuy - a coach who instilled pride, competitiveness, sportsmanship, desire and loyalty in his players. Coach worked us hard; double sessions and in one year triple sessions, but through his leadership we became tough hardnosed football players. More importantly he prepared us for life after football. With Coach there were no shortcuts. A life lesson that his players learned.

Condolences to the family, but you should be comforted in knowing that Coach has had such a positive influence on many young men and women.

Bob Griffin, Captain 1971, #88  
Quincy, MA##imported-begin##Bob Griffin##imported-end##

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December 12, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ Coach, every time I say &ldquo;I remember back at NWC &hellip;&rdquo; your name winds up somewhere in that story. I thank God for your positive influence and the examples you set in gym class, on the field, and in the driver training car. Even though my role on the gridiron was limited kickers aren&rsquo;t REAL football players, right?, you still showed me how to be part of a team and respect everyone in the game. May you rest in peace.  
-- Jim Lizzi #3; 1976##imported-begin##Jim Lizzi##imported-end##

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December 11, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ My condolences to the family. Walt was a large part of NWC history and a positive part of my experience there. He will be missed.##imported-begin##scott Guilmartin##imported-end##

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December 10, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ It was a great pleasure and honor to know Walter. Our deepest sympathy to Walter’s family.

*With immense sorrow,##imported-begin##Mirra & Serge##imported-end##*

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December 10, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ May the good Lord bless you all. May he help you cherish the good memories and forgive or forget the rest.

*Sorry Coach, I was the chubby kid you and Father kept chasing back to Hall High.*

*Al & Jon: Sorry for the Code 7 from Unit 1*

*The Butterfly will miss a card partner.*

*God Speed. Bill##imported-begin##Bill Stiles##imported-end##*

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December 09, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ I have such fond memories of Walt Stosuy. He was a great guy. I got to know Walt on a cross-country bike trip led by Father Frascadore. Walt and I had many great conversations on the road. He was an inspiration to all of us- I was and am still inspired by the image of him cresting a hill, long after others may have finished riding for the day- He never gave up and was a crucial part of our bike group. I think of him often. May you rest in peace Walt.

*Margie Shea-Turner##imported-begin##Margaret Shea Turner##imported-end##*

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December 09, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ Coach, Playing football for you made me a better man. May God keep you in His/Her tender care. Til I see you again with great love and respect. Newt #80 NWC '70##imported-begin##Rob Newton##imported-end##

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December 09, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ Dearest Lyn, We are here for you our sympathy and prayers are with you. Love you.##imported-begin##margrete##imported-end##

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December 09, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ To Beth, Cara, Allen and JOn  
So many Northwest memories coming back to me and Walt in all of them! My sympathy and prayers for all the family  
Sr Doris Regan O.P.##imported-begin##Sr Doris Regan O.P.##imported-end##

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December 08, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ To All the Stosuys,

*So sorry to hear about Walter's passing. He was really a great guy!!!*

*As I sit here I remember his quick smile...his serious glare :P...and his always good nature! I'm just glad I never had to play for him :~*

*Walter was a big part of so many lives...whether it be coaching...or teaching over at NWC...And even after he retired...he was still special to the entire Northwest community.*

*I can pretty much say&hellip;he&rsquo;ll never be forgotten!!!  
Though he certainly will be missed by all of us!*

*Take Care of each other!!!*

*Love xxx*

*Marie Tyler##imported-begin##Marie Tyler Wiley##imported-end##*

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