



William C. Doran

April 12, 1924 - December 19, 2009

William C. Doran, 85, died Saturday Dec. 19, 2009 at Hartford Hospital. Born in West Hartford, the son of the late, William J. and Marion Weir Doran, he grew up in Hartford graduating from Bulkeley High School in 1942. Bill served with the U.S. Marine Corps during WW II in the Pacific Theater of Operations. He fought in the battles of Roi Namur, Tinian, Saipan and Iwo Jima. He was a member of the Marine Corps League, the Iwo Jima Survivors Association, VFW, American Legion, and Elks Club. He worked as a salesman with Nabisco for 28 years and was fondly referred to as the Cookie Man . He and his beloved late wife Barbara Quinn Doran lived in West Hartford since 1957 surrounded by family and a host of great friends. He is survived by his son and daughter-in-law William C. and Deborah Sardilli Doran, Jr. of West Hartford, his grandson Connor, extended family and countless friends. Bill has personally touched many lives through his kindness, love of life and compassion for others. He spent the later years of his life, serving the veteran community, speaking to students about his military experiences and expressing his appreciation for today s soldiers. The family wishes to extend their deepest gratitude to Dr. Joel Miller, Dr. James Graydon, Dr. Robert Siegel and Hartford Hospice. Funeral services will be Wednesday Dec.23rd at 9:30 a.m. from the Molloy Funeral Home 906 Farmington Ave. West Hartford with a mass of Christian Burial at 10:00 a.m. in the Church of St. Timothy 1116 No. Main St. West Hartford. Burial will follow with Honors in Fairview Cemetery, West Hartford. Calling hours are Tuesday Dec. 22nd from 4-8 p.m.

at the funeral home. Donations in his memory may be made to Northwest Catholic High School 29 Wampanoag Dr. West Hartford, CT 06117.

Tribute Wall



“ *To The Doran Family,
Please accept my sincere condolences on the loss of Bill. I had the privilege, honor, and pleasure of meeting Bill at the Marine Corps Cookouts hosted by Gil Reid. He was a great Man and Marine, and will be missed by all who were blessed by having had the opportunity to meet him. Semper Fi##imported-begin##Lloyd F. Johnson##imported-end##*

December 28, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ *Dear Bill.
I was so sad to read of your father's death. You spoke of him so lovingly I know how hard it must be to lose him. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.##imported-begin##Virginia Grudzien##imported-end##*

December 23, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ *To the Doran Family,
Mr. Doran was a wonderful guest speaker in my history class. His experiences in the war provided my students with an appreciation of the dedication and service of the men and women of the greatest generation. I am honored to have met Mr Doran.*

I am sorry for your loss. Liz Devine##imported-begin##Elizabeth Devine##imported-end##

December 22, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Bill, Deborah & Connor,

Please accept my sincere sympathy for your sudden loss.

I regret that I'm not in town to celebrate Bill Doran's honorable and brave life, to bid a prayful farewell and to console you and your family.

My thoughts and prayers are with you now and when the comfort of our Lord may sustain you.

Love,

Jerry, Cathy and Family###imported-begin##Jerry Casey###imported-end##

December 22, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Bill,

I only got to spend a few hours at a time with your dad, at Gil Reid's reunions over the past few years, but I bonded with him the first time we met. One of my uncles was a Marine vet of Iwo who came home from there with a Purple Heart and a Silver Star. That gave me credibility, not my own service!

He was the "oldest Marine" at the reunions, a great honor. We will all miss him.###imported-begin##Stephen Williams###imported-end##

December 21, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ Bill will remain in my memory forever. Above all things, he was a MARINE, a hero and an "OUTSTANDING" person. I cannot imagine that Bill would be anywhere else in the hereafter, but up there where hopefully all of us MARINES are scheduled to go. Lots of streets up there I imagine, but I'm sure Bill can handle the 'line' until we all meet again. SEMPER FI BILL!!!!!!

THE MAC###imported-begin##JIM MCKEE###imported-end##

December 21, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ On behalf of Principal/Chief Administrator Margaret Williamson and the entire Northwest Catholic community, I offer my deepest sympathy on the passing of Mr. Doran. He was a beloved figure to generations of NWC students -- including current football players, who greatly enjoyed his visits and words of wisdom in the locker room -- and we grieve his death along with his family. We will keep all the Dorans very specially in our prayers during the days and weeks to come. We are very sorry for your loss.###imported-begin##Michelle M. Murphy, Director of Communications, Northwest Catholic High School###imported-end##

December 21, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Bill,

Your father was a special person to me. I have not only fond but also meaningful memories of him all the way from my childhood to when I last spoke with him a few months ago.

I will miss him, but I take from him the compassion, courage, and joy for life he exemplified during his lifetime.

Bill...I'm truly sorry for your loss. It was an honor for me to have your Dad as a neighbor and friend for my entire life.

Sincerely,

David Durbas###imported-begin##David Durbas###imported-end##

December 20, 2009 at 12:00 AM