



Charles Boornazian

March 7, 2015

Charles Boornazian, of West Hartford passed away after a brief illness on Saturday, March 7, 2015 at the age of 92. He was the beloved husband of Anne R. Boornazian, loving father to Charles H. Boornazian and Patricia Boornazian-Macdonald and big brother to Mary Boornazian. Charles exuded an endless amount of unselfishness, love, enthusiasm and concern for his wife, children and grandchildren. He was born August 30, 1922 in Hartford. Charles enlisted in the Marine Air Corps to proudly serve his country as a torpedo bomber tail gunner during World War II. After a brief stint as a machine operator at Pratt & Whitney, he went back to school to earn a degree in education. He graduated in 1951 from the first education class at Hillyer College (which later would become the University of Hartford), and then went on to become a beloved teacher at Buckley and Burr in Hartford. Charles earned his Master's degree and eventually became the principal at the Kinsella School in Hartford. He worked within the Hartford school system for 41 years, retiring June 10, 1992.

Charles was devoted to the lives and successes of his students both in and out of the classroom. He was remembered by many former students as someone who went above and beyond the confines of his title to make a remarkable impact on each person who crossed his path. Even at the age of 92, he never lost his sense of humor, or everlasting compassion for anyone who was lucky enough to be around him. Charles was an avid supporter of the UCONN men's and women's basketball programs, and carried that passion over into the lives of his five grandchildren with their various activities and monumental accomplishments. He was also the master of discretely and quickly slipping a \$20 bill to a stunned grandchild. Charles is also survived by his daughter-in-law, Barbara Boornazian, and son-in-law Andy Macdonald. "Pop" made a huge impact in the lives of his five grandchildren: Sarah Boornazian, Sean Macdonald, Bonnie Boornazian, Cameron Macdonald and Bryan Boornazian.

He lived an exemplary and wonderful life, with honor, love, kindness, humility and the desire to help anyone at any time.

A funeral service will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Friday, March 13, 2015 at the Taylor & Modeen Funeral Home, 136 South Main Street, West Hartford. Burial with military honors will follow at Fairview Cemetery, West Hartford. Calling hours will be Thursday from 4 to 7

p.m. at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the American Diabetes Association, The Wounded Warrior Project, or the Alzheimer's Association. For directions and online condolences, please visit www.taylorandmodeen.com.

Comments



“ so sorry to hear that Mr. Boornazian passed away. back in the 60's he was my Kinsella school principal.i remember him as a well educated tall man dressed in a sharp black suit and a great laid back hair style.when i arrived in hartford in 1965 my first advised came from mr. boornazian.it has lasted me since then, and im 60 now.he told me,always respect your books and never forget where you came from.he will always be on my mind.god bless him. he was an inspiration to me, my brother and the rest of the kids and teachers. his and your friend, Juan.

juan santiago - hartford, CT - December 08, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ Patty, so sorry to hear that your Dad is gone. I only met him once and he made a impression even on that brief meeting. My thoughts and prayers go out to you your Mom and the rest of your family. Jeffrey White

A friend - March 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you and may happy memories comfort you in this difficult time. We are grateful to have had such wonderful Wolcott Road neighbors and warmly remember Mr. Boornazian and his signature cigar.

The Millman's

Paul Millman - Los Angeles, CA - Former neighbor - March 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ I am so sorry for your loss. Our prayers and thoughts are with you and your family during this time.

Lisa and Darren Jones - Indianapolis, IN - March 11, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Mary, My deepest sympathies to you and your family. Asdavads Hokeen Loosavoreh.

Sarkis Khuzkian - Stuart, FL - March 11, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear ANNE, Penny and I were so sorry to read about Charlie's passing. Our prayers and thoughts are with you and your Family. May he rest in Peace.

Bob and Penny Skenderian Naples, FL

Bob & Penny Skenderian - Naples, FL - Friends - March 11, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ I was absolutely blessed to meet Charles and even though I only knew him for a short time, I am thankful to have had the opportunity. He was the type of man that was easy to love and he will be greatly missed. My deepest condolences to his family, may he rest in peace and may God bless you. Love, Cristina

Cristina Lazure - Ellington, CT - March 10, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ With My Deepest Sympathy to the Boornazian & Bagdigian Families

Love Paul Sagherian, Jr.

Paul Sagherian, Jr - Naples, FL - March 10, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ I'll always remember Mr. Boornazian's warm inclusive welcome any time I visited the Boornazian household. He always made you feel right at home. He was always willing to sit and talk about what was happening in your life effortlessly and without imposition.

One of the best credits to him is his son Charlie, my friend who is as loyal a friend as anyone should be fortunate to have. He is that way, not only with me but with so many others.

Like his obit stated very eloquently, "he lived his life with honor, love, kindness, humility and the willingness to help others." He absolutely did. A life well lived.

Rich Pronovost - Torrington, CT - High School Friend of Son - March 10, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ Although I never met Charles' Sr, I felt I have known him, I am friends with his Son Charlie and have listened to many stories over the years... To Charlie's family, Barbara, Sarah, Bonnie, and Bryan, my sincere condolences. I know the loss of a loved one is difficult. In knowing Charlie Jr, I can only say Charles did a great job of bringing up his son, his values certainly are reflected there.

Ed Colfer - Crystal lake, IL - Friend of Charles' son - March 10, 2015 at 12:00 AM