



William R. Browne

July 15, 1930 - June 4, 2021

William R. Browne of Tequesta, FL. died on June 4, 2021 in Jupiter Hospice Pavilion, Florida. He was born in New Haven, CT. on July 15, 1930 to James and Mable Browne. He is survived by his wife of 69 years, Eleanore Browne, his junior high school sweetheart; daughter Janice Fenwick, of Tequesta; granddaughters Melanie Casey and husband Fionn, of Louisiana; A. Mellissa Christie and her husband Robert; Janina White and her husband Matthew; Grandson Leland Robbins and his wife Darla; daughter-in-law Mary Browne along with 9 great-grandchildren; 7 of Tennessee and 2 of Louisiana. Bill was predeceased by his son Richard and grandson Christopher Browne.

Bill was educated in New Haven and attended YMCA Jr. College. While there as student council president he led a petition to the board of governors to advance the college to a full 4 year school. With the physical and financial aid of Yale University, that was accomplished, and it became New Haven College. A few years later the group led by Bill again petitioned the board of governors to become a full university, again with the physical and financial aid of Yale. When that was accomplished it became The University of New Haven. Bill graduated from the University of New Haven after earning a degree in Mechanical Engineering in 1957, Industrial Engineering in 1959, in Business Management in 1962. All this while working full time and raising a family.

Bill was employed by Pratt and Whitney in North Haven, CT., transferred to

the East Hartford plant and then to the Jupiter, FL plant in 1976. He started as a draftsman in 1956 and ultimately earned the position as Senior Contract Administrator, retiring in 1992.

He had a very strong need to give back to society for the fortunate life he had. Bill worked in his church as a Sunday School teacher, youth leader and Lay Reader in the Episcopal church of CT. He often conducted services in the New Haven County jail and as supply when clergy was not available. After being transferred to the East Hartford plant he lived in Glastonbury. Bill became active in the Historical Society of Glastonbury, CT. Some of his duties were to supervise the moving of two historic buildings from one side of Main Street to the other. As president during the Bicentennial Celebration in 1976 he supervised the planning and execution of Glastonbury's activities. After moving to Tequesta Bill spent most of his spare time playing sports, enjoying musical theatre and traveling for both business and pleasure visiting many countries.

On the occasion of Bill and Eleanore's 50th wedding anniversary they celebrated by building a new summer home Bill designed, in East Haddam, CT. a dream he had for many years.

Memorial services will be held at The Church of the Good Shepherd Tequesta, FL. conducted by Very Reverend Dr. Douglas Scharf, Wednesday June 23, 2021 at 11:00 A.M.

Interment will be at Beaverdale Cemetery in Hamden, CT. at a later date.

In lieu of memorial flowers donations may be made to the Engineering Department Scholarship Fund at The University of New Haven, 300 Boston Post Road, West Haven, Ct. 06516

Previous Events

Memorial Service

JUN **23**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd
400 Seabrook Road
Tequesta, FL 33469

Tribute Wall



“ *William R. Browne*

October 22, 2023 at 10:17 AM