

Half Staff – Ross Wittemann

May 1, 2016



Ross Gardner Wittemann, 86, of Glastonbury, died on Sunday, May 1, 2016 at Hartford Hospital with loving family members at his side. Born on Sept. 7, 1929 in Brooklyn, N.Y. to Gladys Gardner Wittemann and Herman Ludwig Wittemann, Ross spent most of his early years in Maplewood, NJ. He held a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering from Lehigh University. He served two years in the U. S. Army and was honorably discharged.

Ross came to the Hartford area in 1961 to become Manager of Engineering for the Loctite Corporation and was for two years president of its subsidiary in San Juan, Puerto Rico. He later served as manager of corporate development for Veeder Industries. In his last career, he worked in the commercial real estate field. He was an avid theater-goer and he acted with amateur groups. He was particularly active with the former Mark Twain Masquers where he served as president in 1967.

He married Elizabeth (Betsy) Bues in 1967, with whom he celebrated 48 years of marriage and with whom he had two children, Audrey Wennink of Chicago; and Paul Wittemann of Arlington, Mass. An active member of the Glastonbury Exchange Club for 40 years, he served as its president on two occasions. Ross volunteered for many years with Books for the Blind. He was on a volunteer breakfast team with the House of Bread in Hartford for more than twenty years until the time of his death. He loved to travel. With his wife, a travel writer, he co-authored the book, *The Fireside Guide to New England Inns and Restaurants*, published by Wood Pond Press in 1995.

He was an avid downhill skier, and especially enjoyed skiing in Vermont. He loved listening to jazz. In addition to his wife and children, he was devoted to his two grandchildren: Claire A. Wennink of Chicago, IL and Charles Fraser Wittemann of Arlington, Mass.; his son-in-law, Herbert Wennink of Chicago; and daughter-in-law, Kate Wittemann of Arlington, Mass. He was close to his brother-and sister-in-law, Lawrence and Mary Jo Bues of Trumbull, CT and their children.

A graveside service will be held at 4 p.m. at the Green Cemetery, Hubbard Street, Glastonbury on Friday, May 6, 2016. Donations may be made to the Glastonbury Exchange Club, P. O. Box 641, Glastonbury, CT 06033. Glastonbury Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. To leave an online condolence, please visit www.glastonburyfuneral.com