



JOHN AUKSHUNAS

March 6, 1920 - December 5, 2005

John D. Aukshunas, husband of Clara (Miklos) Aukshunas died December 5th, 2005, at home following a long illness.

He was born March 6, 1920 in New Britain, CT, son of the late John A. and Anna (Lewisky) Aukshunas. John was a former New Britain resident moving to Newington 38 years ago. He was a member of the Holy Spirit Church, Newington, CT, the Administrators Association of Vocational schools, and the Elks. After 20 years in the tool & die industry, he turned his interests to vocational education.

John was a graduate of New Britain High School Class of 1938 and Central Connecticut State University with a major in Vocational Education and a Master's Degree & 6th year from the University of Connecticut. He was a Department Head of the Tool & Die Department at Goodwin Technical School, and supervisor of the Evening Division of Adult Education at Goodwin Technical School. Prior to his retirement he was employed as the Director of the Vinal Satellite Technical School in Essex.

He was considered a Master Teacher representing the Technical School staff at a number of university-sponsored seminars outside the state. A number of his creative teaching devices were sought by Educational Supplies Publishing houses for reproduction.

He served in the 88th Infantry division in the Mediterranean Theater Operation at the end of World War II.

In 1959, he lead a citizen's group that successfully opposed the Atomic Energy Commission's effort to establish an atomic waste dump in New Britain.

John was an enthusiastic golfer, fisherman, and gardener who raised a bumper crop of tomatoes each year. He was a loving husband, father, and grandfather.

Besides his wife of 56 years, he is survived by 4 children, Jane Aukshunas and her husband Karl Samson of Hillsboro, OR, Paul Aukshunas of Costa Mesa, CA, Mary Dong of Manhattan, NY and her husband David, and John V. Aukshunas and his wife Susan Taylor of Chelmsford, MA, in addition to 6 grandchildren.

He was pre-deceased by his sisters, Anne Aukshunas in 1991 and Aldona Aukshunas in 2005. Funeral services will be held on Friday 9:15am from Venskunas Funeral Home 670 Stanley St New Britain for a 10:00am Mass of Christian Burial at Holy Spirit Church Newington. Burial with military honors will be in St Mary Cemetery New Britain. The flag will be presented to his wife Clara (Miklos) Aukshunas. Calling hours will be on Thursday from 4-7pm. To send online condolences please go to www.venskunasfuneralhome.com

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 8. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Venskunas Funeral Home
670 Stanley Street
New Britain, CT

Service

DEC 9. 10:00 AM (ET)

HOLY SPIRIT CHURCH
183 CHURCH ST
NEWINGTON, CO

Tribute Wall



“ We want to extend our sympathies to the Aukshunas family over the passing of their beloved husband and father, John. He was a pleasure to have as a neighbor these many years. We so enjoy watching the video of our daughter Cara's wedding in which John and Clara cut quite a handsome figure on the dance floor! (Sept., 1999) I will especially miss John's help each summer as he generously and patiently advised Maureen Hollfelder and me in the planting of our tomato crop. Thanks to John, our tomatoes grew quite respectably, although never as delicious as his!

Jan & Harold Kritzman

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“ With love and sympathy to Mrs. Aukshunas, Jane, Paul, John, and especially to Mary. Your dad was a man of exceptional character and integrity and we count ourselves blessed to have known him. Love, Charlotte and John##imported-begin##Charlotte Baker and John Dean##imported-end##

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