

## Joseph "Coach" Beidler

Born: November 15, 1918

Died: October 31, 2016

Location: West Hartford, Connecticut



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## Tribute & Message From The Family



Joseph B. "Coach Beidler", 97, died on Monday, October 31, in the comfort of his home. He was born November 15, 1918. Joe served our country during WWII as a Lieutenant in the Navy aboard a mine sweeper.

His passing leaves a void in the hearts of many, especially his devoted daughter, Nancee, (Ray Torns) and his adoring wife and "best girl" of 74 years, Ruth. He is also survived by his daughter JoAnn Schaaf, his son Robert, his only granddaughter, Brandy Caban, three grandsons Kalua, Kama and Kahoa McKeague, and his special great-granddaughter, Kiana Caban.

Joe's passion was football and baseball. First as a player and then as a coach. His career spanned nearly 4 decades, beginning at his beloved alma mater, Trinity College,, migrating to the Pacific West and returning home to CT to coach at Weaver High and Conard High. One of his

proudest achievements was creating what became known as the "Hartford Connection". Between 1958 and 1967 Coach sent 10 young talented players to Linfield College in Oregon. Coach believed in his players and inspired them to fulfill their potential. Joe's 15 year run of coaching with McKee at Conard High was legendary, winning over 80% of games played. He was the consummate Math teacher; Navy blue blazer, disciplinarian, fair and knew his stuff. When he hung up his cleats and retired to Vero Beach with Ruth they "played" together at golf, Bridge, square dancing and pool! Always learning! He volunteered for the Dodgers at Spring Training and relished being the driver who talked "game" all the way to the airport.

Coach Beidler was a great guy. Loved and respected. A coach who knew the science of football and a gentlemen on and off the field. His word was gold. He left the world a better place.

The family extends its sincere gratitude to all the caregivers and Masonicare Hospice professionals who gave Joe such exceptional care. A celebration of Coach Joe Beidler's

life will be held at Trinity College Chapel at a later date. Please visit our guestbook at [www.taylorandmodeen.com](http://www.taylorandmodeen.com)

