



George E. Caldwell

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George E. Caldwell, 91, of Ellington, CT, passed away surrounded by his loving family on Friday, February 12, 2016 at Rockville General Hospital. He was born in Groton, CT, son of the late George E. and Elizabeth (Payne) Caldwell. George served his country during World War II in the United States Army Air Corps holding the rank of Staff Sergeant in the 882nd Air Engineering Squadron. He retired from Pratt and Whitney Aircraft as an experimental test engineer, and was a member of the American Legion Post No. 14 of Rockville. George is survived by his wife of 61 years, Dorothy (Dugay) Caldwell; seven children, Gary and Brian Caldwell, Glenn Caldwell and his wife Joy, Greg Caldwell, Georgiana Hogarth and her husband Bill, Bonniejean Caldwell and her husband David Burns, and Gayelynn Miller and her husband Bill; grandchildren, Jared, Melissa, Desiree, Alan, Hannah, Shane, Ryan, and Kayla; great granddaughters, Elaina, Morgan, and Bailey; siblings, Arthur, Robert, Raymond, and James Caldwell, and Mary Pinney and Barbara Bossie; and many nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his sons, Bruce and Barry Caldwell; and siblings, William Caldwell, Elizabeth Norris, and Daisy Caldwell. Calling hours will be held on Wednesday, February 17, 2016 from 4-6 P.M. with a funeral service and Military Honors to take place at 6 P.M. at Introvigne Funeral Home, Inc., 51 East Main St., Stafford Springs, CT. Burial in Staffordville Cemetery, Staffordville, CT, will take place at a later date. Memorial donations may be made to the Alzheimer's Association, P.O. Box 96011, Washington, DC 20090. For online condolences or directions, please visit: www.introvignefuneralhome.com



Events

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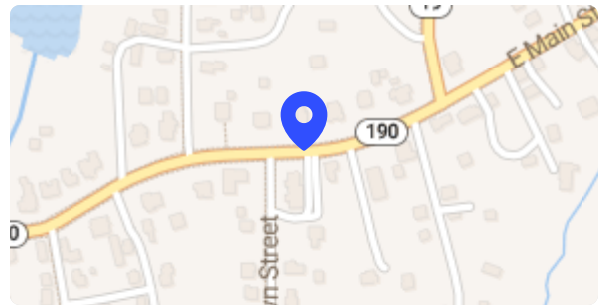
Visitation

- Wednesday**, February 17, 2016
- 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM ET
- Introvigne Funeral Home, Inc.**
51 East Main St., Stafford Springs CT 06076



Service

- Wednesday**, February 17, 2016
- 6:00 PM ET
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Tribute Wall

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BS

Bob Schoff posted:

Sorry to be so late. My sincere condolences to the family of George. I knew him from Pratt & Whitney and we shared many a bus trip to and from work. A Remarkable man that was so easy to get along with. I am sure he is missed . Bob Schoff

August 7 at 11:57 AM

CG

Cathy Laviolette Gleason posted:

To each and every member of the caldwell family, some i know and those i do not, i send my sympathy at the loss of a special man. Cathy laviolette-gleason

February 20 at 10:21 AM

MM

Marty Martello posted:

Sorry to hear of your loss. Didn't know George that well but had met him through his brother's Bob, Ray and Jim. I'm sure he was as friendly and outgoing as his brother's. In thought and prayer's.
Marty Martello

February 17 at 5:14 AM

TC

Tonya Chidester posted:

You have been such a huge part of my life ever since I was just a little girl. I have so many wonderful memories over the years to many to pick a favorite, but all I will hold near and dear to my heart. Even though you had 9 children to raise of your own you always had time for me. You were always there to share in the good times and always there for me in the not so good times. Your smile could light up a room, your laugh was infectious, a sense of humor like no other and you gave the best hugs ever. A true gentleman, family man and a Dad to all. I have always said you are my back up Dad and will forever carry you in my heart and cherish all my memories of you. Thank you for always being there for me. I will love you until the end of time!!!!

February 17 at 3:17 AM

GH

Gigi Hogarth February 17 at 6:28 AM





Tribute Wall

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MC

Mark Chidester posted:

To the Caldwell family. I am so very sorry for your loss you're in our thoughts and prayers. The best memory that sticks in my head the most was the first time that I had the privilege to meet Mr. and Mrs. C my now wife Tonya took me over to their home to introduce me to them. After talking with them for a while Mr. C told me that I was going to have my hands full with this one and to keep my eye on her, keep her safe and most of all to take care of her. That's when Mrs C pipped in yeah you better take care of her (with the look). Over the years we talked shared stories and the Moonshine cherries you will never forget them. RIP Mr. c you're going to be missed by everyone you came in contact with especially me.

February 16 at 5:33 PM

GH

Gigi Hogarth February 17 at 6:29 AM



GH

Gigi Hogarth shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.



Dear Dad:I would like to THANK YOU for all the things you have done for me since day one. You were always there when there was a problem. When there was a problem you helped me as much as you were able to. Even if it was just a telephone call to see how I was, you were there. You kept reminding me how strong I am when I didn't want to be. With everything that you have been through out the years, you have made it through. But this battle that you were privately fighting, was a little bit stronger than the strength that you had. You are a very strong, heart warming, very loving selfless man. When I found out that you had Cancer, I was hurt, but I knew that you were just sparing me, US more heartache and pain. The past few years we have been through a lot you and I, and we made it through together. I LOVE YOU FOR EVER, and I will cherish everything that we have shared, as in, our laughs, our talks, our walks, your 90th birthday and with how overwhelmed you were for all those cards. And most of all our day trips just you and I. You are in Good Hands now. You are with Family, you will not be suffering, or have to worry about tomorrow, any of us kids and especially Mom. So many, nieces, nephews, "adopted" kids, friends, especially your grandkids, brothers and sisters will all cherish the years that they have spent with you. I can say for myself and Everyone, that I am Extremely Proud to have you as my FATHER, and my BEST FRIEND. I LOVE YOU DAD.THANK YOU FOR THE MEMORIES AND YOUR STRENGTH.Dad, I'll carry your name proudly and continue to be the anchor you always saw in me.Till we meet again, your #1 daughterGEORGiana ❤️

February 14 at 2:56 AM



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SB

Shirley H. Bryant posted:

Dear Caldwell Family,I was the friend who always visited Shirley Novak, your Mom's roommate at Woodlake. Your Dad's passing has shocked and saddened me. I haven't been to Woodlake since Shirley passed and had no idea your Dad was having health problems.Your Dad's dedicated love for your Mom was truly beautiful and amazing. No husband could have been more faithful and constant. May god rest his soul.I'm praying for your Mom and all of you. I can't imagine her life without him and pray for the strength and peace of Jesus to bless her and all of you.Sincerely,Shirley H. Bryant

February 16 at 11:20 AM

TS

Tiffany J Schifley sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Caldwell family.



February 16 at 7:22 AM

TJ

Trudy Johnson lit a candle in honor of George .



February 15 at 4:54 PM

LF

Love Bob & Rose Dugay, Cindi & Mark And Their Families sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Caldwell family.

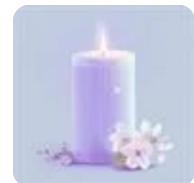


February 15 at 3:13 PM

DJ

Deb & Jeff lit a candle in honor of George .

Our thoughts and prayers are with you all.Jeff West and Deb West Martorelli



February 15 at 11:57 AM

KS

Katie Norris Smith posted:

I am at a loss for words. Uncle George was an amazing man and I will never forget him.Katie Norris Smith

February 15 at 9:58 AM



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The Gerleve Family sent a Full Of Love Bouquet to the Caldwell family.

February 15 at 9:53 AM



Summit Planning Group sent a Sentiments of Serenity Spray to the Caldwell family.

February 15 at 9:02 AM



The Daniels Family sent a Florist Choice Bouquet to the Caldwell family.

February 15 at 8:05 AM



Anonymous sent a Florist Choice Bouquet to the Caldwell family.

February 15 at 6:50 AM



Gary Caldwell posted:

I am at such a loss, My father has shown me what true courage really is. He stood beside each, and every one of his sons , and daughters, helping us all deal with the passing of our older brother, from cancer. While at the same time secretly fighting the same battle on his own. This past week we found out his secret, and now he is with our brothers. I was, and will always be proud of my dad. I always knew he was a special human being, but not until now do I realize how special, and how blessed we were to be able to call him dad. Never once did he falter on the keeping of his secret. I know that his love for his family kept him strong, always helping his family without pause, never wanting any more than the reward of "thank you", or even better "Love you". For a bit, I was angry with him, but now I understand why he did this, keeping the long drawn out pain, of a long illness from his family while helping us all, through my brothers. The strength it must have taken him to pull off this last gift for us all astounds me as I reflect on this. My dad was, and will always be Superman, as my younger brothers, and sisters called him. Giving of himself to the very end.I am so very proud of you DAD, rest in peace.Your son Gary

February 15 at 5:34 AM



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DD

Dawn Tomaro Defilippis lit a candle in honor of George .

A wonderful man all around... I spoke to my Husband about him last night. I said, see this scar on my chin? He says, yeah.. I showed him a pic of Mr. C and told him how I was riding no hands on my bike when the front tire hit the curb. Mr. C just happened to be walking home and ran to me and scraped my face off the road... So many GREAT memories with this man and his wonderful family. What an amazing guy! RIP Mr. C..... God Bless... You will be greatly missed..Dawn Tomaro DeFilippis will always hold a special place in my heart for you and your family....



February 15 at 5:09 AM



Anonymous sent a Divine Peace Bouquet to the Caldwell family.



February 14 at 5:21 PM

MC

Melissa Caldwell posted:

Oh, how I wish I could just hit rewind to a few months ago. The girls and I were always the lucky ones to stay with you. That particular occasion 4 months ago, was the hardest to say "goodbye". We just lost uncle Bruce, but there was something more than that going on with you and I could tell. Something was chasing your mind as we were loading up the car. I remember saying "Poppy, come on! Jump in. Just get in the car and I'll take you with me". We both laughed.....and then you started to cry....I still have the image crystal clear in my mind- As I pull away, I look in my rear view mirror, and omg poppy, your standing in the middle of the parking lot, crying and waving goodbye. I felt so freaking sad and guilty for leaving you there alone. Leaving in general. Looking back now, I think you knew it was our last "goodbye". Poppy I am so so sorry. Sorry for leaving you. Sorry for living so far away. Sorry you kept this secret to yourself. Among many other things. Also, thank you poppy. Thank you for all the laughs, your endless happiness, hospitality, those summers you endured with grammy, desi, alan and I at all of the campgrounds. Those are the fondest memories of my childhood. Hanging off the monkey bars while watching you play horseshoes, just to share one. And so I will end this by saying how great it feels, to know I have an angel looking over me. A strong and powerful one, and I call him my poppy. I love you

February 14 at 3:45 PM



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Melissa Miclette lit a candle in honor of George .



February 14 at 3:25 PM



Melissa Miclette posted:

George was a favorite of mine, for years now. He was my bus monitor when I worked for Laidlaw 12 years ago, and he'd sit next to my son Ethan (1 yr old at the time) and talk to him, make him laugh, and quiet him down to fall asleep on our rides. He encouraged my pursuit into Nursing, educating me about his Mitral valve prolapse. He was so proud of his family, would talk about his famous road trips with his kids and visits to Rocky Neck. He loved them all, I knew, from all of the stories he'd share. After I left driving bus, he'd stop by my house with veggies from his garden. If I wasn't home, I'd find a bag of cucumbers and tomatoes on my steps and I knew that sweet George had been by. Over the years when I'd run into him, he'd hug me with excitement and I'd always get a kiss on the cheek. The sweetest of sweet, that George. My heart breaks to learn of his passing. He will be terribly missed. Rest peacefully sweet, sweet man.

February 14 at 2:48 PM



Gayelynn Miller posted:

Daddy, I don't know to even begin to express the love and adoration I have for you. I can't breath without guilt, I can't see without feeling immense pain that you can't look at what I'm looking at, I can't stop listening to your voicemails hearing you call me kiddo God what I wouldn't give just to look into your eyes one more time and touch your face, I held your hand the entire time I was with you. I couldn't stop staring because I needed to Mezmerize every inch of you, even in the state you were in I slept a little because I was holding your hand and it was on my face still making me feel safe. I promised you I'd be strong but I know I've had some moments that would make you upset and I'm sorry but this pain is too much, how am I suppose to say goodbye to my daddy? My superman? I just can't. I feel lost. You were tired and I understand I'm trying not to be selfish but damn daddy I just want you here with me. You gave me 43 amazing years of being my dad and I'm actually jealous of siblings because they are older and got to be with you longer how sad is that. I'm crumbling inside, and trying to keep it together on the outside but it's hard. You have touched so many people and impacted so many lives that I don't think you knew the power you truly had. I'll carry on the ear wiggling daddy it took me forever to learn but I remember the day I did and just how hard you laughed because I tried for so long. EVERYTIME I close my eyes I feel your hand in mine and I picture the two of us alone just in a moment and those eyes stared back at me with nothing but love, I don't have any regrets daddy I told you in countless ways just what you meant to me, and maybe that's why you didn't share you secret you knew I probably wouldn't have left your side with the thought of losing you I wouldn't miss a second. You gave me the greatest life and I thank you from the bottom of my heart you taught me to love unconditionally and to fight for the weak and to be strong. I know I was a pain allot of times and gave you and run for your money but you always told "it's ok kiddo your my pain in the ass" I honestly don't know how I'm going to get through these next few days, the loss of you is a magnitude of pain I didn't think a heart could take without stopping. I love you and miss you so much daddy I always be your baby. I do have to apologize for 1 thing though I haven't seen mommy I'm not strong enough yet I can't look at her knowing your gone and she won't see you again because if she could comprehend this she be with you right now. What a beautiful love story you shared. I'll go soon I promise I just can't right now and I'm sorry. But God I love and miss you. You always said I was a talker so don't think you'll get away from me talking to you I haven't stopped. I love you. You saved the best for last #9 your baby girl Gayelynn xxoo

February 14 at 2:56 AM



Dawn Tomaro Defilippis February 15 at 5:14 AM

Love and prayers baby girl! He will always be with you... Promise... Mourn and let it out. He will hear you and comfort you in every way he can... xoxoxo God Bless



Poppop And Linda Miller February 15 at 3:04 AM

Your Dad was a truly remarkable man. We were so blessed to have him in our lives. He is in the arms of God. So sorry for your loss. We are here for you. Love PopPop and Linda Miller



Melissa Miclette February 14 at 2:52 PM



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GM

I'm incredibly saddened to hear of your father's passing. He is loved by so many. I'm sure he is looking down on you all, proud of every one of you. I'm so sorry for your loss.

PE

Peggy February 14 at 8:30 AM

Gay you are not alone, reach out to family and friends, I checked on your mom the last few days and she is ok, take time for you and then when your ready come see your mom. Love you peggy



Anonymous sent a Full Of Love Bouquet to the Caldwell family.



February 14 at 5:38 AM

NS

Nibbie Spinetto posted:

I remember George from Yogi bears park in Sturbridge I was the bartender back then (Nibbie) my condolences to all the family may he rest in peace 🙏😊

February 14 at 5:12 AM

TF

The Moon Family sent a Full Of Love Bouquet to the Caldwell family.



February 14 at 4:35 AM

NT

Nancy Tracy lit a candle in honor of George .

Words cannot express my feelings on the passing of my Uncle George. He was a humble man who instilled in all of us his gracious soul. From when I was old enough to babysit the "kids" he was always there helping me, and fixing my car. I will always remember the times we spent telling family stories, of his from WWII and staying with family in England. I and my mom, visited with them on our trip, and brought back more memories to share with him.....He shared his love of humanity with us all, his humor and yes, his sad times too. I danced at his wedding, and although I was quite young, I remember how he loved his "Dot".. Memories, smiles and tears are all shared. He was a truly loved man and will be missed by us all.....RIP Uncle George, enjoy the reunion with my mom, Aunt Daisy, and Uncle Bill, and with Bruce and Barry....I know that you will continue to watch over us with your love Your spirit will endure forever.



February 14 at 4:21 AM



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AG

Annette Grant posted:

Scott and I would like to send our deepest sympathy. George was always a very kind hearted man with a smile on his face. We spent some great times together with George and Dot., camping. they both were proof of loving and thoughtfulness. You may have lost your earthly Dad, but he's always going to be with you. His family meant everything to him and heaven has just received another Angel. God bless,... Love Annette and Scott

February 14 at 4:05 AM

PC

Peggy Candito posted:

Uncle George I will miss seeing you almost every day and our talks, I will miss your smile and "wiggling" of your ears. You were one of a kind and a kind, sweet uncle always asking about others and helping out your siblings even when you should not have been on top of that ladder. I know you are now with Bruce and Barry and helping aunt daisy keep them out of trouble. I will miss you. Love Peggy

February 14 at 3:31 AM

CH

Cheryl February 14 at 3:50 AM

Uncle george you can rest at ease knowing that you instilled so many of your wonderful qualities in your kids...you instilled your sense of family, the togetherness, your love and sense of humor in them all...there will be a huge void now in our family that no one can fill...rest easy uncle george. . Love u

LM

Lee Moon posted:

Our deepest sympathy to you and your family. Sincerely, Lee & Diane Moon

February 14 at 3:24 AM

JR

J P Rossi lit a candle in honor of George .



February 14 at 2:56 AM



Gigi Hogarth shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.

February 16 at 2:39 PM





Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring George by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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