



Reuben Bennett

June 21, 1933 - January 16, 2014

Obituary of Reuben Bennett

Reuben Bennett, 80, Poughkeepsie, NY, wintering in The Villages, FL died Thursday, January 16, 2014. Born June 21, 1933 in Chelsea, MA, Mr. Bennett was a graduate of Boston University, and spent his working years as a music teacher developing stringed instrument instruction and orchestra programs in the public schools. He retired from the Hyde Park, New York Central School District in 1992. He also taught privately, and was a professional musician playing viola in many philharmonic orchestras including the Villages Community Philharmonic. His greatest pleasure was to share his love of music with children and adults alike. He made The Villages his winter home in 2000.

Survivors include his wife, Elizabeth; son, Steven of Boylston, MA.; daughter Deborah of Anderson, SC; daughter Ruth of Berlin, Germany; brother, Mordecai Bennett of Randallstown, MD, and one granddaughter.

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Memorial Donations

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Tribute Wall



“ *Reuben Bennett*

October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ *We were heartbroken to learn of Reuben's passing. We first met Reuben and Liz when we purchased their home in Pleasant Valley. We immediately fell in love with this gentle, talented, wonderful man. Every year we would have Reuben and Liz join us for dinner, and as always, upon entering the house, Reuben would longingly gaze out the window to the patio area, and say, "Oh, I miss this house...I gave many outdoor concerts here! Over the years during these visits, we learned so much about Reuben's love of music and stories of tutoring students in our family room. We will miss him deeply. To his family, we send our most heartfelt condolences. Rest in peace Reuben, yours was a life well lived! Bill & Lucy*

Bill & Lucy Pine - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ *Heartfelt condolences.*

Peggy Sisselman - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ *Liz we were so sorry to hear of Reuben's passing. We just found out about it last night. Our flag is at half staff in his honor. My sympathy to you and your family.*

Camille DiMartino - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

GS

“ I just saw Reuben's obituary in the Poughkeepsie Journal and wanted to extend my sympathy to all his family. I worked with him in the Hyde Park schools for many years and he was my daughter Kim's first string teacher, both in school and privately. Our paths also crossed periodically at the villages since I spent winters there also. Again, my condolences.

George Snyder - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

GM

“ I'm so sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. God bless and take care.

Gail Murphy - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

RT

“ Reuben was an extremely skilled musician and music teacher. His talent was recognized by being a member of a number of Philharmonic Orchestras. My condolences to Liz and all the family. Reuben will be missed.

Rene Tritschler - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

SC

“ Dear Liz, We were shocked and saddened to read of Reuben's passing in the Poughkeepsie Journal. When we think of Reuben we remember his passion for music and his love for classical music in particular. May the love you shared comfort you in the days ahead.

sandy & herman chertock - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JR

“ So saddened to hear of Mr. Bennet's passing. Please accept my sincere condolences. I was a student at Roosevelt High School 1975-78 and took private lessons from him as well. He was a great inspiration for me and I remember his constant enthusiasm and interest in fostering our talent as young musicians. I continued to study violin and viola in college and although I am not a professional musician, I regularly perform with the Brooklyn Symphony Orchestra (a community orchestra). I will always be thankful for Mr. Bennet's encouragement and instruction which provided me a basis for a life long ability in music. I understand that there will be a memorial concert in his honor and I would be very happy to participate if there is a string group piece planned. I can play violin or viola. I am in the Hudson Valley Fridays to Sundays weekly. Sincerely, Jim Russo

James Russo - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

BM

“ I am extending my sincerest condolences to the beloved Reuben Bennett. Mr. Bennett was my first and only violin teacher in Hyde Park, New York. He was such a professional and had a very keen ear as I tuned my violin. May he rest in peace. Sincerely, Beth

Beth Madaras - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

PJ

“ So sorry for your loss. Reuben was a bright light at the Center for Lifetime Study

Patricia Jackson - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM