



George "Bill" Bunnell

December 8, 2025

George "Bill" Bunnell respected and loved Hamden Scout leader passed away on December 8, 2025. Bill, as he was called by friends, was a lifelong resident of Hamden and graduated from Hamden High School. He went on to serve in the US Air Force and the Connecticut National Guard. But what was most important to Bill was the Boy Scouts he served for nearly 3 generations. Their tributes through the years are a testament to the role model, mentor, and friend he continued to be as they met their life successes and struggles. Bill was recognized by the Quinnipiac Council of Boy Scouts with numerous awards over the years. More recently, Camp Sequassen opened the Bill Bunnell Family Cabins in his honor. An avid hiker and camper himself, Bill's Hamden troop 8/ 608 frequented the Appalachian Trail and state parks. As a young man, Bill had been part of laying out some of the trails at Sleeping Giant State Park. He also enjoyed his own cabin in the Berkshires in Massachusetts. A lifelong learner, Bill, at 90, was quite a history book when it came to the New Haven area, Boy Scouts and the US, especially World War II. Basically, a quiet man, Bill loved to tell stories which always included laughter. He will be greatly missed, but his legacy will continue on. Bill was a special uncle to six nieces and nephews and several great and grand nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his parents Kathleen (Enscoe) and George W. Bunnell Sr. as well as two brothers David and John Bunnell. He leaves his sister, Ann B. Lynch of Branford and two sisters in law, Diane Bunnell of Saskatchewan, Canada and Barbara Bunnell-DeFlumeri of West Haven, Connecticut. As a lifelong communicant of Saint Rita's Church, 1620 Whitney Ave., Hamden, a Mass of Christian burial will be held at 10:00am, January 10, 2026. All are invited to attend, and it will be followed by a celebration of life. Interment will be private. In lieu of flowers, please make a donation in Bill's name to Camp Sequassen, 791 W. Hill Rd., New Hartford, CT 06057. Personal tributes can be left on the Sisk Brothers Funeral Home website.

Previous Events

Funeral Mass

JAN 10. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Rita Church
1620 Whitney Ave.
Hamden, CT

Tribute Wall

PB

“ During the last snowstorm I built a fire in the fireplace using the same techniques I learned in Scouts and employed many times since then. Bill was with me when I made that fire and as I stared into its flames, I felt the same calm and serenity I enjoyed countless times with Bill and others. As the flames stretched higher, I thought of Bill's gentle encouragement to always do your best, help and respect others and do it with humility. His light shines on so many of us, may we live and honor his memory.

Peter Bassermann - January 31 at 03:06 PM

DF

“ I met Bill when I was in elementary school and became a member of Troop 8. Bill was a great role model and an outstanding leader. I will never forget the hikes on sleeping giant, summer camp at Camp Sequassen, multiple camping trips and great times spent with friends at his cabin in the Berkshires. One of my regrets in life is not making time to go visit Bill over the many years since leaving scouts. He was mentor, friend and an incredible asset to the community.
Bill, I was very fortunate to have had you in my life!
Dan FitzSimons (62) Sapphire NC.

Dan FitzSimons - January 09 at 03:19 PM

BE

“ Bill and I were good friends for many years sharing the same values, thoughts and ideas through Scouting. He was always a gentleman and a modest individual, instilling the “boy run troop” method which made Troop 608 so successful. Both of our Scout troops attended Camp Sequassen during week #1 for many, many years, creating numerous friendships between our two troops that will always be remembered. The number of young boys who departed his troop as young men are countless and they will always have found memories of their Scouting experience in Troop 608. May you rest in peace.

With Warm Regards,
Bill Earley
Scoutmaster
Troop 610 BSA
Hamden,CT

Bill Earley - January 08 at 12:10 PM

KF

“ My dad helped Bill with my brother's scout troop. I remember his gentle nature and that classic friendly smile. He has helped so many become better men. Rest easy Bill and thank you!

Kimberly Falango - January 08 at 05:15 AM

CR

“ Sorry to hear of Bill's passing. My dad, Murray Heine, was a fellow Scouter and always had a lot of respect for Bill.

Chris Radawiec - January 07 at 09:29 PM