



Julian U. Stein

October 24, 1925 - September 22, 2019

Julian, always known to his friends as "Buddy", was a Navy veteran of WWII, having served aboard the aircraft carrier John Hancock in the Pacific Theatre. After returning to civilian life, he began a long career as teacher, coach and consultant.

Early on, he taught physical education, and was a notably successful coach of Track and Cross Country at Wakefield High School in Arlington, VA. At Wakefield, also, he married fellow teacher Carolyn Mahoney, beginning a loving partnership which would endure until his death.

In the second phase of his career, he became known internationally for his contributions in the area of physical fitness for people with mental and physical disabilities. He was devoted to that work, and for many years, the demand for his services took him around the world, speaking, writing, consulting and conducting workshops for professionals in the field.

Finally, even Buddy had to retire, though he continued to stay in touch with colleagues, former students, and men from those long-ago Track and Cross Country squads.

In retirement, he and Carolyn lived in Anderson County, TN, first in their "Home-on-the-Hill", which faced out to the mountains, then later at Greenfield (now Commonwealth) Senior Living, in Oak Ridge, where he died.

Buddy is survived by his wife of 64 years, Carolyn Mahoney Stein, and by their three sons and their families: Mark Stein and his husband, Timothy Learmont, of Ashland, OR; James Stein, his wife Joan Gucwa Stein, and their sons David and Joseph of Shelton, CT and Boston, MA; and Jay Stein, his wife Janet Parker Stein, and his daughters, Anna and Julia, of Vienna, VA; and by beloved family members and friends.

He was a longtime member of the Jewish Congregation of Oak Ridge, and will be interred in that cemetery following a graveside service.

In lieu of flowers, a contribution may be made to a charity of choice.

Comments



“ A very kind, decent and generous person. A true friend.
JW

hj - December 24, 2019 at 08:39 PM



“ Coach Stein was my track coach for one track season (1958) and two cross-country seasons (1957 & 1958) at Wakefield HS, in Arlington, VA. I have nothing but fond memories of Coach Stein, and my time at Wakefield. As a sophomore on the track team, Coach Stein taught me to set goals, to work hard, and to enjoy running. He showed a lot of confidence in me, and encouraged me in so many ways. My dad was a career US Army officer, and I was heartbroken when he was transferred to Kansas, ending my one year of track with Coach Stein. I remembered what Coach had taught me, however, and used what I had learned from him at my Kansas high school, at Brown University, where I ran for four years, and in the Marine Corps, where I ran another two years, before receiving orders to Vietnam, where I served as an infantry Platoon Leader, and, later, a Company Commander. I had the good fortune of having a coach who cared about his team, and about me as a person. I was elected captain of the Kansas HS team (1960), and the Brown track team (1964), and was also named as coach of the All-Marine Track Team (1966). At the time, I felt (and I still feel) that I was carrying on the tradition and way of doing things that I had learned from Coach Stein. I always tried to treat others the way Coach Stein had treated me. Without being pushy, or dictatorial about it, Coach gave me advice, about building inner strength, about hard work, and even some subtle advice about dating. Despite our short time together, I consider Coach to be the closest thing to a father figure I ever had, other than my own father, of course. In more recent years, I feel so fortunate to have met with Coach Stein at one or two Wakefield HS reunions. Also, a few years ago, my wife, Michele, and I were on vacation in Tennessee. I made a point of getting in touch with Coach Stein, and his wife, Carolyn. The four of us had lunch together, at a restaurant not too far from Mr. and Mrs. Stein's home in Oak Ridge. I brought along some wall hangings, with various track medals, and my Wakefield "W" pinned to them, that my mother had made for me, way back when I was at Wakefield. I was so pleased, and a bit proud, as well, to show them off to Coach Stein. I have so many fond memories, and, after all, it was Coach that got me started in my track career. I feel so fortunate that my life and Coach Stein's life intersected way back in 1958, even if for such a brief time.
- Dave Rumsey

David K Rumsey - October 23, 2019 at 03:52 PM



“ Coach Stein was my track coach at Wakefield High School in 1963 and 64. When I started out, I was far from competitive. I came in last in every race. Regardless, he always had daily workouts posted for all athletes, many times with special notes for me. I remember him saying “those times will come down.” He made us all feel worthy of success. I have carried the things I learned from him for 50 years, and am still an avid runner. I learned how to get strong, remain healthy, and enjoy the benefits of an active lifestyle. It took me 50 years to win my first race – a San Francisco half marathon in the 70 to 75 age group. Coach, I’m still going, and your memory lives on, thanks for everything!

Chip Curry - October 08, 2019 at 03:43 PM



“ Sending my prayers and sympathy for you and your family, Jim. I'm very sorry for your loss.

-Jenn Bosques

Jenn Bosques - October 02, 2019 at 08:57 AM



“ Jim,

I have been thinking of you for several days and hope that you are finding a way through this difficult time. Your dad sounds like he was an amazing man. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

-Chris Koch

Christopher Koch - September 28, 2019 at 10:14 PM



“ Jim, you and your family are in my thoughts and my prayers! Casey



gray - September 27, 2019 at 09:55 AM



“ Healing Tears - Blue and White was purchased for the family of Julian U. Stein.



September 24, 2019 at 01:00 PM



“ Our deepest condolences to Dear Carolyn and Jim, Mark and Jay and families!!! We have the fondest memories of Buddy,, a kind, gentle , and loving man... He served his country and gave to all that knew him!!! We salute you! And may you Rest In Peace Buddy

Elizabeth Fava - September 23, 2019 at 03:34 PM



“ Our sincerest sympathies to the Stein families. May you be blessed with grace and peace during this sad time as well as joy and pride with being blessed with such an accomplished and kind man as your father. Grandfather and husband.

Teresa Gucwa Heines - September 23, 2019 at 08:13 PM