



## Erwin A. Betzwieser

October 21, 1929 - May 8, 2018

Albany- Erwin A. Betzwieser, 88, died peacefully Tuesday May 8, 2018.

Born in Albany, he was the son of the late Albert and Katarina Betzwieser of Albany, New York. He was a 1947 graduate of the former Vincentian Institute and a 1951 graduate of Siena College, remaining a loyal men's basketball fan throughout his life.

Former member of Knights of Columbus and Army National Guard, he spent his career at New York Telephone/Verizon as a Professional Engineer, retiring after over 40 years of service. Ernie was a longtime active parishioner of Mater Christi Parish where he was a regular Usher for Sunday mass. A skilled woodworker and avid golfer, Ernie enjoyed weekly rounds with the ROBs of Pine Haven Country Club. Most of all, "Papa Ernie" enjoyed spending time with his family.

He was the beloved husband of 51 years of Margaret Betzwieser who predeceased him in 2003. Loving father of Thomas Betzwieser (Lynne) of Hickory, NC, Lynda Rao (Steve) of Scottsdale, AZ, Nancy Minehan (Dave) of Albany, James Betzwieser (Linda) of Naples, FL, Mary Anne Lewis (Glenn) of

Zebulon, NC and Laura Rooney (Bill) of Ludlow, MA. cherished grandfather of Katie Stamps (Stephen), Sarah Fraser (Bryce), Alex Betzwieser (Kirstie), Jennifer Betzwieser, Adam Betzwieser, Michael Rao, Derek Rao (Mackenzie), Maggie Minehan, Harry Minehan, Carly Minehan, Eric Betzwieser (Phoebe), Kevin Betzwieser, Lauren Olbrych (Alex), Megan Galvin, Jenny Galvin, Catherine Lewis, Graham Lewis, William Lewis, Allie Rooney, Casey Rooney and Kate Rooney. Great grandfather of Isabella, Evelyn, Lillian, Everett, Griffin and Patrick, Ernie was pre-deceased by his daughter Katherine (Brian) Galvin of Scituate, MA and sister Anne Deitz of Albany. He is also survived by many extended family members and friends.

On behalf of Ernie, the family would like to express appreciation to Dr. Mary Ellen Drislane and the medical staff of the Albany Regional Kidney Center.

Relatives and friends are invited to visit with Ernie's family Monday, May 14, 2018 in the Parish of Mater Christi 10:00 am to 12:00 pm.

His Funeral Mass will immediately follow at 12:00 pm.

The Rite of Committal will be held in St. Agnes Cemetery, Menands, NY immediately following the Funeral Mass.

Those wishing to remember Erwin A. Betzwieser in a special way may send a contribution to Mater Christi School, 35 Hurst Ave., Albany, NY 12208 or the charity of your choice.

To leave a message for the family, light a candle, obtain directions or view other helpful services please visit [www.McveighFuneralHome.com](http://www.McveighFuneralHome.com)

# Cemetery Details

## St. Agnes Cemetery

48 Cemetery Ave  
Menands, NY

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY 14. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Parish of Mater Christi  
40 Hopewell Street (Rev. Kenneth J. Doyle Way)  
Albany, NY 12208

## Service

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Erwin A. Betzwieser*

October 08, 2023 at 09:24 PM



“ *Erwin was a gentleman and a scholar and there aren't many of us left.*

*I was sincerely disappointed to hear of Ernie's passing. please accept my*

*belated sympathy. It was a pleasure knowing him.*

*Al Knapp*

**Albert Knapp** - July 02, 2018 at 02:48 PM



“ *Dear Friends,*

*I am sorry to read of Erwin's passing. I was Principal of St. Catherine of Siena School in the early 60's. I remember well your family and will keep you in my prayers.*

*Love,*

*Sister Mary Frederick*

**Sister Mary Frederick** - May 13, 2018 at 01:28 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Erwin A. Betzwieser.*



May 13, 2018 at 09:15 AM

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“ So very sorry to hear about Ernie...a life lived well. Wish all of you the peace...  
knowing he will undoubtedly be golfing with Katherine.

*Dennis & Donna Donovan*

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**Dennis Donovan** - May 13, 2018 at 08:24 AM

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“ Sending condolences from the Devine family. Our Dad, Ray, had known Mr. Betzwieser since high school at VI. Thinking of you all.  
Maureen Devine

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**maureen Devine** - May 12, 2018 at 10:43 AM

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“ Ellen M. Hedderman (His Goddaughter) lit a candle in memory of Erwin A. Betzwieser



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**Ellen M. Hedderman (His goddaughter)** - May 11, 2018 at 07:10 PM