



Dr. William H. Schwab

September 6, 2004

Dr. William H. Schwab, 66, of Norwalk and formerly of Skaneateles died Monday at his home, surrounded by his wife and two children, following a long battle with cancer. He was President of Norwalk Community College for 21 years. He was born January 25, 1938 in the small coal mining town of Patton, PA. He is the son of the late Frank J. and Marion Hamilton Schwab. Dr. Schwab earned his bachelor's and master's degrees from Pennsylvania State University and a PhD in higher education administration from Syracuse University. Pursuing his interest in higher education management, he attended summer institutes on college leadership at Harvard University and Carnegie-Mellon University. In 1994 as a Fulbright Senior Scholar, he participated in a summer program for higher education administrators in the Federal Republic of Germany. He was a Visiting Professor for Higher Education at Columbia University in New York City and served as Vice President and Executive Dean/Dean of Instruction at Cayuga Community College in Auburn, New York. Dr. Schwab was chairman of the Connecticut Council of Community College Presidents, a board member of the Center for Teaching for the faculty of Connecticut's 12 Community Colleges, he served as chair of the Connecticut Community Task Force on Technology and was a member of the State of Connecticut's 21st Century Action Plan Commission and the New England Board of Higher Education. Deeply committed to the communities NCC serves, Dr. Schwab was involved with the Chamber of Commerce and the Community Council of Greater Norwalk, The Maritime Aquarium at Norwalk,

the YMCA Board, the Stamford Enterprise Zone Task Team, the Electronic Community Steering Committee of Southwestern Fairfield County, and the Norwalk High School Council. He is predeceased by his brother, James. Dr. Schwab is survived by his wife, Carolyn, his son, Mark of Skaneateles, daughter Mindy Denton of Danbury, CT, his sisters, Marshall Garrett and Betsy Willcox, and his brother, Frank. Dr. Schwab is the proud grandfather of Mark and his wife Misty's sons, Nate and Carson, and Mindy and husband D.J.'s son, Jared, and daughter, Lydia. The family will receive friends at Collins Funeral Home, 92 East Avenue, Norwalk on Friday, September 10, 2004 from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. A funeral service will take place at 11:00 AM on Saturday, September 11, 2004 at Norwalk United Methodist Church, 718 West Avenue, Norwalk. Private burial in Lakeview Cemetery, Skaneateles his home of 20 years. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to NCC Foundation, Inc., in care of the Schwab Chair and Technology Fund, 188 Richards Avenue, Norwalk, CT 06854-1655. Local arrangements by B.L. Bush & Sons Funeral Home.

Tribute Wall

KR

“ To the Schwab Family: Our deepest sympathies to you during this difficult time. The Russells Kris, Kent, Kathy, Karen

Kris Russell - September 18, 2004 at 12:00 AM

TH

“ From Little Tommy Hamilton. Last posting I signed "Nephew." I was actually proud to be Bill's "Cousin."

Tom Hamilton - September 14, 2004 at 12:00 AM

TH

“ To Carolyn, "Conk", Marshall and Betsy. Sue, Brianne, Grant and I were so sorry to hear about Bill's passing. We pride ourselves in carrying on the "Hamilton/Grant" tradition and our long line of friends and family. My father, Marion's brother, Tom Sr. is 89 years young and the only surviving member of the William and Emma Hamilton's children of Marion, Leslie, Florence, Bill and of course, Dad. He also passes forward his thoughts and prayers. He has always had fond memories of the Schwabs and occasionally he'll tell a story (probably one Conk has already told). We miss Bill already and his family and all who know him should be so proud of his many important accomplishments. It appears as though he touched many lives. Nephew Tommy Hamilton Wife, Sue Daughter, Brianne Son, Grant

Tom Hamilton - September 14, 2004 at 12:00 AM

CC

“ Carolyn, Mark and Mindy, I'm am so sorry for your loss. I was deeply saddened when I heard the news of Bill's passing. I am so thankful that I got to see him again last year at Marshall's. I will always remember his sense of humor and how kind he was to me when I use to visit his family in Patton. You are in my prayers. Cindy (cousin)

Cindy (Flaugh) Carr - September 14, 2004 at 12:00 AM

JW

“ Bill always took time to know each student at ACC. The college was a better place for all students when he was a member of the staff. Although I've been out of Central New York for many years, his name and deeds will always be with me. Bill was someone who touched my young life in a very positive way.

Jay Wetherby - September 12, 2004 at 12:00 AM

PB

“ Please add us to the others who have conveyed their condolences to your family on the death of Bill. We admired Bill and join in with the others who say "he was the nicest man we have ever worked with." He treated everyone the same and Auburn/Cayuga Community College is a better place because of him! Our thoughts and prayers are with your family.

Paul & Bobbie Bellnier - September 12, 2004 at 12:00 AM

BM

“ Dear Carolyn, Mark, and Mindy, Our sincere condolences to the whole family on the loss of your husband and dad. Although our paths have not crossed since milford dr. we have often thought of your family and Bill will be surely missed by all that knew him. Our prayers go out to you. Bob & Marie Mentillo

Bob & Marie Mentillo - September 10, 2004 at 12:00 AM

CT

“ DEEPEST SYMPATHIES TO CAROLYN, MARK, AND MINDY. CAROLYN, THIS COMES FROM CARMELA TRUSSO WHO WAS HOSPITALIZED THE SAME TIME WILLIAM WAS, 1973, WHEN WE BOTH HAD KIDNEY PROBLEMS. IF YOU RECALL, EVERYONE I MET WITH KIDNEY PROBLEMS ON THAT FLOOR, WERE INVITED TO MY HOUSE FOR SPAGHETTI AND MEATBALLS. I EVEN INVITED DR. BUTTARAZZI, WHO WAS EVERYONE'S DOCTOR, BUT HE HAD A PRIOR COMMITMENT. (BY THE WAY, HE IS RETIRING AT THE END OF THIS YEAR). I WAS REALLY SHOCKED TO READ OF HIS PASSING. I WILL NEVER FORGET HIM. WE HAD MANY TALKS WHILE WE WERE IN THE HOSPITAL GOOD LUCK TO YOU AND YOUR FAMILY, I AM SURE YOU ALL WILL MISS HIM... MY E-MAIL ADDRESS IS AT THE TOP OF THIS MESSAGE. I WOULD ENJOY HEARING FROM YOU. SINCERELY, CARMELA TRUSSO 118 CLYMER STREET AUBURN, NY 13021

CARMELA TRUSSO - September 10, 2004 at 12:00 AM

BD

“ Schwab Family. I recently read of Bills passing and would like to say how sorry I am. Bill, changed my life with his continue urging to do the thing I was capable of accomplishing. He gave me the confidence to pursue an education that lead to a very succesful career. I was honored to have known this man. God Bless.

Bill Donofrio - September 09, 2004 at 12:00 AM

JL

“ Dear Carolyn, Mark and Mindy, Just to let you know that you are in our thoughts and hearts. Joanne

Joanne Leveroni - September 09, 2004 at 12:00 AM

BA

“ Sorry to hear about Bill. He was truly one of the good guys while I was at Cayuga Comm Coll.

Ben Ahner - September 09, 2004 at 12:00 AM

JK

“ Carolyn, I will always remember Bill as one of the nicest man I know. He went far in his career but still had time for everyone, no matter what their position. Love and prayers, Jean Kiernan

Jean Kiernan - September 09, 2004 at 12:00 AM

JW

“ Family of Dr. William Schwab our sympathy to your family. Your husband and father was always had a happy greeting when we knew him at Auburn Community College in the 1960's. He got to know us 5 Wetherby's as we passed through ACC and he made us all feel special. We are sorry for your loss.

jerry and maureen wetherby - September 09, 2004 at 12:00 AM

TN

“ To Carolyn & your family: I cannot express how saddened I was when heard the news of Bill's passing. You have Sue's and my sincerest sympathies. I know he suffered greatly and battled this disease for what seemed forever. But Bill's enthusiasm for life always made one believe he'd beat this back yet one more time. On a more personal note, I have met and worked with many people for whom I had great admiration. None surpassed "Schwab-y." He will be missed by many.

Tom Nagle - September 09, 2004 at 12:00 AM

RP

“ Carolyn & Family I cannot express how much Dr. Schwab meant to all of us and me in particular because of our bond of kidney cancer. He was a very special person and I will never forget his friendship. Please accept my deepest sympathy at this time.

Rose Mary "Chickie" Pidlypchak - September 08, 2004 at 12:00 AM

SW

“ To Bill Schwab's family: Along with many of Bill's other friends with Cayuga, I am deeply affected by his death. His career was certainly distinguished, and he has left his imprint on Cayuga. But he was also a kind, generous, and loyal friend. When my husband was struck with pancreatic disease, Bill and Carolyn shared their experience and offered support, across the miles. My sincere sympathies.

Susan Wolstenholme - September 08, 2004 at 12:00 AM