

LAWRENCE E. BACH



Lawrence E. Bach, 65, of 6 Elmcrest Circle, died Friday, Jan. 2 1987, at Tompkins Community Hospital. He was born in Hancock, a son of Mabel Wagner Bach and the late Christian Frederick Bach.

Mr. Bach was a member of the Tabernacle Baptist Church, a fellow and past president of the New York State Science Teachers Association. He also was affiliated with several other educational and professional organizations.

Mr. Bach was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II. He was head of the science department at Ithaca High School, where he taught biology and Botany for more than 35 years until his retirement in 1983.

In addition to his mother, Mr. Bach is survived by his wife, Evelyn D. Bach of Ithaca; a daughter, Karen B. Hilfiger of Ithaca; two sons, Gary L. Bach of Waterbury, Conn., and Randall A. Bach of Ithaca; a brother, Albert W. Bach of Florida; and several nieces, nephews and cousins.

Services will be held at 2 p.m. today in the Tabernacle Baptist Church with the Rev. Lloyd Hull officiating.

Burial will be in Frear Memorial Park in the spring.

Memorial donations may be made to the Tabernacle Baptist Church, 1019 N. Cayuga St., Ithaca, N.Y. 14850, or to the charity of one's choice.

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INFORMATION

The following information was provided by Millie Pirko Triff in an e-mail to John David on January 15, 2012.

I have information on how and when Mr. Bach (Biology teacher) died if you want to add it to that link.

As you know, I live in Hancock and Mr. Bach, it turns out, was originally from Hancock. I didn't know this until I was married, had three children, and had moved to Hancock in 1975. I was sitting in church one Sunday morning with my family waiting for the morning service to begin when all of a sudden, a voice from the back of the church softly "shouted" -- Millie Pirko!!! My first thought was "Who in the world in Hancock knows my maiden name?" I turned around and there was Mr. Bach, beaming at me.

Fast forward to today. I was reading my weekly issue of The Hancock Herald where they have excerpts from the paper from 100 years ago, 50 years ago, and 25 years ago. In the Herald I got this week I read in the 25 year ago notes:

Lawrence E. Bach, 65, Ithaca, died Friday, January 2, 1987 after suffering a heart attack while shoveling snow at his home. He was born in Hancock, a son of Christian F. and Mabel (Wagner) Bach. He was a graduate of Hancock Central School, Class of 1939, of which he was president.

He was such a sweetheart of a man and I remember taunting him with difficult questions in Biology just to see him stammer and blush. Shame on me!! Apparently, he forgave me because he gave me a big hug that morning in church.