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Robert Lavigne, 81, Former Teacher at Darien High School, Middlesex Junior High

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Robert Paul Lavigne, 81, of Norwalk entered into eternal life on Sept. 4 in his home, surrounded by loving family members and friends. He was the loving husband of Jack English. They met at The Napoleon Club in Boston on St. Patrick's Day of 1973. For 44 years they shared a vibrant life together.

Born in Lowell, Mass. on Oct. 5, 1935, he was the son of Maurice and Delia (Chevalier) Lavigne.

He graduated from Winnicunett High School in Hampton, N.H. Bob attended Dennison University, graduated from Massachusetts College of Art, and earned his master's degree from St. Joseph College.

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His teaching career spanned 32 years. He started teaching in 1960 at Middlesex Junior High and moved onto Darien High School, where he taught in his beloved “D5” for 9 years. His memory will be preserved by the hundreds of hearts his touched as an educator.

Bob had a true zest for life as can be seen in his numerous hobbies and interests which included: gardening, floral arranging, photography, antiques, faux finishing, serigraphy, Zumba, aerobics, and reading. He could often be seen on Wednesdays at Sardi’s before attending a Broadway matinee.

In 2001 Bob and Jack adopted their beloved standard poodle, Napoleon, who they pampered for 14 years.

— [an obituary](#) from *Magner Funeral Home*

Bob and Jack spent many winters in Fort Lauderdale and also loved their numerous trips throughout Europe.

He was a member of St. Matthew’s Church in Norwalk; the Tri-State Hosta Society, The Sons of Italy, numerous art and educational organizations, and served on the Broad River Homes Board of Directors.

Bob is survived by his brother, Norman, of California; numerous family members, and countless friends whose lives he touched. He was predeceased by his brother, Richard, of Bethel.

Family will receive guests on Sunday, Sept. 10, from 4 to 7 p.m. at the Magner Funeral Home, 12 Mott Ave., Norwalk. A mass of Christian burial will be held at 10 a.m., Monday, Sept. 11 at St. Matthew Church, 216 Scribner Ave., Norwalk.

Donations may be made to Visiting Nurse & Hospice of Fairfield County who provided outstanding care during Bob’s illness. Their address is 761 Main Ave., Suite 114, Norwalk, CT 06851.