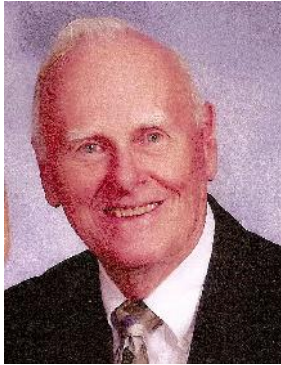


Bill Denison
Congregational Treasure
December 2011



UUFMC presented Bill Denison its "congregational treasure" award on Sunday, December 18, in recognition of his years of financial guidance.

He has served on the Finance Committee, chaired the Stewardship Committee, and co-chaired the Buildings and Grounds Committee, including the funding and building of Memorial Garden. He is the church auditor.

Bill received his AS degree in accounting and was working toward a bachelor's when he joined the Field Artillery. After being discharged, he used the GI Bill to receive his BS in business from Connecticut's Quinnipiac University.

For 15 years he worked in industrial purchasing, first in electronics and later in a subsidiary of Allegheny Ludlum Steel. He spent three years as executive vice president of the Connecticut Association of Purchasing Management, including being editor of the "Connecticut Purchaser."

Bill owned his own business in real estate land development and building. He taught real estate licensing law at a community college and is a founding member of the National Association of Exclusive (real estate) Buyer Agents. He served as New Haven County chairman of the Young Republicans. He became superintendent of the Congregational Sunday School and served on the Board of Education.

When Ross Perot decided to run for president, Bill decided his political future was no longer compatible with the Republican Party. He worked hard to elect Perot.

He met Carolyn in 1981 and they married four years later. When he retired in 1998, they spent three years traveling in an RV. Carolyn told Bill he was really a Unitarian and during their travels they visited several UU fellowships. "As usual," he said, "Carolyn was right."

They moved to Summerfield in 2001. They soon found the UU fellowship and Bill joined the board. With Bill's real estate background he became a member of a committee to find a new church location. He also led the negotiation for sale of the old church property.

"One of the things that makes our fellowship so special is the dozens of members who put in the many hours needed to operate our fellowship," Bill said when he received the award. "I am humbled by this honor." (*Gil Gilleland*)