



A. Elsie Yawin

January 8, 1909 - October 26, 2006

A. Elsie Yawin, 97, of Plainville, a former Newington and New Britain resident, died Thursday October 26, 2006 at Brittany Farms Health Care Center in New Britain. Alexandra “Elsie” Yawin migrated to the United States from Poland in 1912 when she was three years old. She made the journey with her mother Apolonia “Pauline” Bielski Zakrewski and her uncle Louis Bielski. She and her mother were soon reunited with her father Walter Zakrewski in New Britain. Later, Elsie attended public school until she was 14, at which time she began full-time work in a small dress shop on Main Street. At 14, Elsie already knew the basics of sewing, knitting and tatting.

In 1928 she married Peter Joseph Yawin 1904-1981. She and Peter raised two children, Dr. Robert A. Yawin of Plainville and Janet Ruth Yawin 1933-1985. As her family grew, Elsie participated in various women’s group at St. Mary’s Ukrainian Orthodox Church.

During her lifetime she developed her skills in the needle arts, becoming expert in knitting and that resulted in many gifts of hats, sweaters and afghans to family, church and charitable organizations. She also developed a lifetime love of reading which lasted until she lost her sight in 2005. Elsie enjoyed traveling and spent time in Ghana, West Africa in 1972, visiting family.

Elsie’s love of family has resulted in friendship with her son Robert and his

wife, Helen Ferrarese Yawin, her 8 grandchildren and their spouses: Camille and Norman Paradis of Lorraine, NY, Lenore and Karl “Mikey” Haikara of Bethel, VT, Robert A. Yawin of Arcata, CA, Marguerite Yawin and Illiassou Goubekoye of Newington, Kathryn and Michael Vernosi of Plainville, Pamela Yawin and Michael Fitts of Superior, Colorado, Peter Yawin of Newington, and Alexander and Amy Yawin of Plainville. Her friendship also extended to her 19 great grandchildren and their spouses and her 15 great great grandchildren. Her sage advice and warm heart will be missed by all.

Elsie’s surviving sisters and their spouses Helen and Ray Steele of Plainville and Irene and Harry Gaber of Southington. Elsie was predeceased by her brothers Joseph Zack, Frank Chesky, John Chesky, Anthony Chesky and Stanley Chesky and by her sisters Sophie “Sally” Nesgoda, Pauline Yacheski, Agnes Windish and Laura Golan.

Funeral services will be held Tuesday 10 AM at St. Mary’s Ukrainian Orthodox Church, 54 Winter Street, New Britain, CT 06051. Burial will be in the church cemetery. Calling hours are Monday 5 to 7 PM at Carlson Funeral Home, 45 Franklin Square, New Britain and Tuesday morning from 9:15 to 10 AM at the church. A Parastas Service will be held Monday 6 PM at the funeral home. Memorial donations may be made to the Yawin Library at the Armory Square Pre-School, One Armory Square, Springfield, MA 01105 or to the St. Mary’s Ukrainian Orthodox Church Roofing Fund or to VNA Hospice Care, 205 West Main Street, New Britain, CT 06051 or to the charity of the donor’s choice. Please share a memory or note of sympathy with Elsie’s family by clicking on "GUESTBOOK" at the bottom of this page.

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“ *My sincerest and deepest condolences to the whole family. From the stories I've been told by my parents and other family members throughout the years, I've come to know Aunt Elsie as a wonderful person. It is comforting to know that she positively touched so many family members in so many ways. She lived a long and full life. My thoughts and prayers are with the family at this difficult time. I would like to think that, although its a time to mourn, it is more importantly a time to celebrate such a wonderful life and the happy memories.*

Frank J. Chesky III - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM